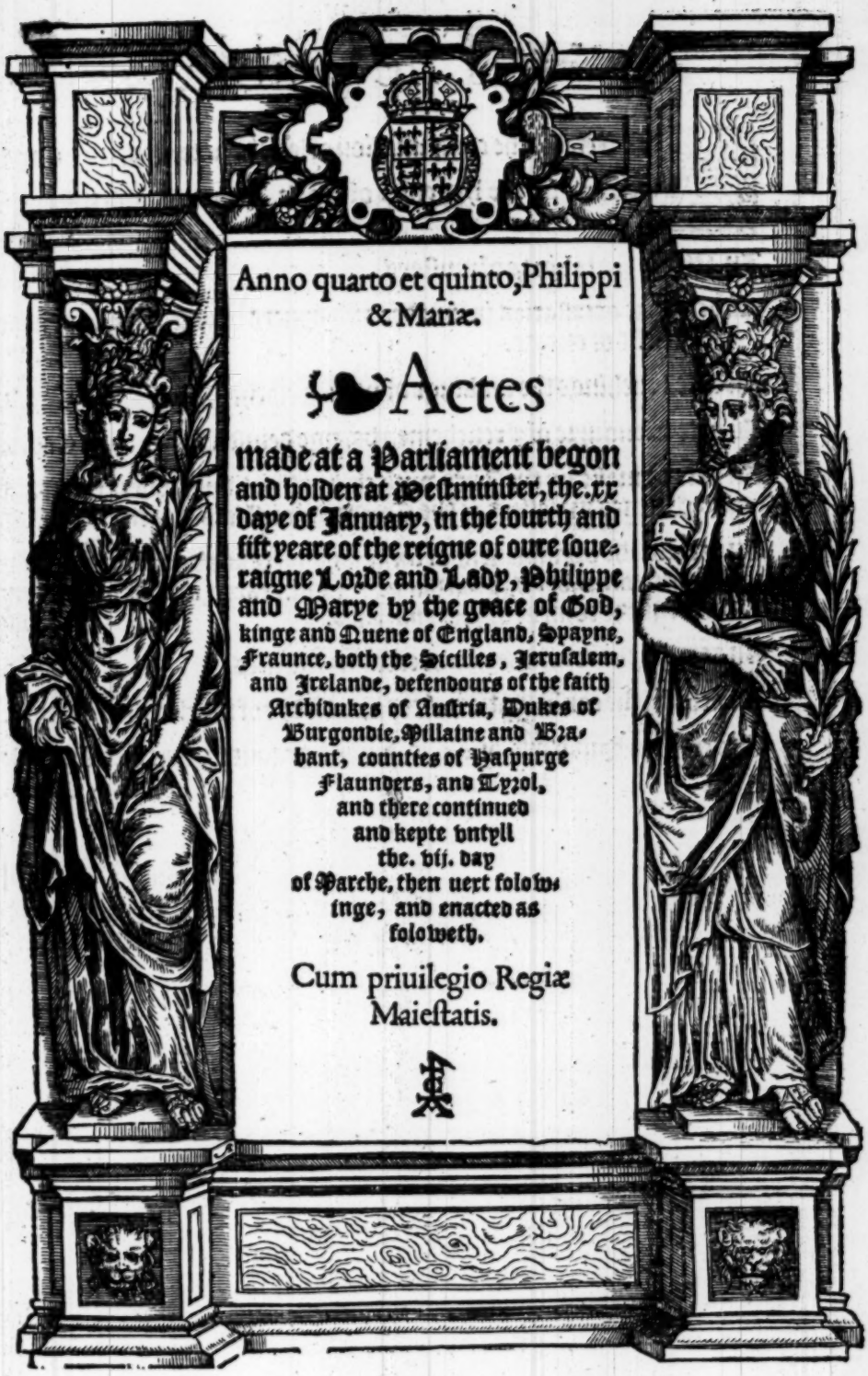

Anno quarto et quinto, Philippi & Mariæ.

Actes

made at a Parliament begon and holden at Westminster, the .xx. daye of January, in the fourth and fifte yeare of the reigne of oure soueraigne Lorde and Lady, Philippe and Marye by the grace of God, kinge and Quene of England, Spayne, Fraunce, both the Sicilles, Jerusalem, and Irelande, defendours of the faith Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Burgondie, Millaine and Brabant, counties of Haspurge Flaunders, and Tyrol, and there continued and kepte vntyll the .viij. day of Marche, then next folowinge, and enacted as foloweth.

Cum priuilegio Regiæ Maiestatis.

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HERE sythen the .vii. daye of Julye in the first yeare of the Quenes Maiesties reygne diuers and sundry Honors, Castels, Manoures, Landes, Tenements, Rentes, Reuercions, seruices, and other hereditamentes haue bene conueyed and assured to her highnes, her heyres and Successoures by or from diuers and sundrye persons & bodies politike, aswel for the discharge and satisfaction of great debtes, and summes of monye, as for other good considerations. For the perfytte assurannce confirmation and further suretye whereof.

BE IT enacted ordeyned and established by the kyng and Quenes Maiesties, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of ỹ same. That all Feoffamentes, Fynes, Surrenders, assurannces, conueyances and estates in any wise cõueyed had or made to or for our sayd Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the kyng and quenes Maiesties, or to or for our sayde soueraygne Lady the quene, by or from anye suche persõ or persons, bodies politike or corporate, of any such Honors, castels manoures, Landes, Tenements, Rentes, Reuertions, Seruices, or other hereditamentes, for anye debte, summe or summes of monye or other consideration, whatsoeuer, shall stande remayne & be good and auaileable in the lawe to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, accordynge to the true meanynge, intente and purporte of the same.

SAVINGE to all and euery persõne and persõnes, and to their heires bodyes politike and corporate, & to their Successoures, and to euerye of them, (other then such person or persõnes, and their heyres and wyues, and euerye of them bodies politike and corporate, & their successoures and euery of them, of or from whome, the kyng & quenes highnes, or the quenes hyghnes onelye hath obteyned or purchased, the sayde premisses, or anye parcell thereof, by exchaunge, gyfte bargayne, fyne, Feoffement, recouery dede inrolled or otherwise) all such right title, interest, vse, possessiõ, rentes, reuercions, Remainders, Offices, Fees, Commons, profyttes and commodities, whatsoeuer which they or any of them haue might or ought to haue had of in or to the premisses or any part thereof in as large and ample maner, forme and condition to all intentes cõstructions and purposes, as yf this acte had neuer bene had ne made. Thys present Acte or any thing therein conteined

ned to the contrarye notwithstandynge.

AND where aswell our sayd soueraigne lorde, & Lady, as our sayde soueraigne Lady the Quenes highnes, sithens the said. vii. day of July in ye first yere of her maiesties reigne, aswel for diuers & gret sōmes of mony, as also for diuers & sondry other cōsiderations, haue, & hath bargained, sold, giuen or graūted by their or her graces sōdry letters patēts indentures, or other writinges, sealed vnder ye great seale of England, or the seale of the Duchy of Lancaster, aswel to bodyes politike & corporate, as to diuers and sondry other their louing & obedient subiects, diuers and sondry honors, castels, manors, landes, tenements, rentes, reuercions, seruyces, & other hereditamentes, in fee symple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, lyfes or yeares, as in the same seueral letters, patents, indentures, & other wrytynges, is mentioned & declared. And to thintent the same letters patents, indentures, & other writinges, shulde be of good auayleable and perfit force & effect, to al and euery her highnes louyng Subiectes, according to the true meaning & effect of the same.

OVRE SAIDE Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye the kynge and Queene, are contented and pleased, that it be enacted by thauthoritie of thys present parliamente. And therefore by oure sayd Soueraygne lord, and lady, the kyng and quenes maiesties, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commōs in this present parliamente assembled, be it enacted and established, ye aswel al and singuler letters patents, indentures and other writinges Sealed vnder the greate Seale of Englande, or vnder the Seale of the Duchy of Lancaster, and heretofore made or graunted by our sayde soueraygne Lord and Lady, the kyng and Quene, or by our said soueraigne lady the Quene, for any Sūmes of monye, or for and vpon any other consideratiōs, as al other letters patētes, hereafter to be made by our saide soueraigne lorde & ladye, for any summe or sūmes of monye during the space of Seuen yeares next ensuynge the makyng of this acte, to anye body politike, or corporate, or to any other persō or personnes, whatsoeuer, of any honors, castels, manors, lordeshippes, graunges, Meses, lādes, tenements, medowes pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruyces, woodes, aduousons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rightes, interestes, entrees, conditions, letes, courtes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchyses, or of anye other hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, or of any parte or percell of thē sealed with or vnder the great seale of Englande, or vnder the Seale of the Duchy of Lancaster, of whatsoeuer kynde, nature, or qualitye they or any of thē be or shalbe reputed knowen or taken, wt their appurtenaunces or any part or percel of thē, shalbe good perfyt and effectual in ye lawe, and shal stand, be takē, reputed, demed, & adiudged good perfit sure auayleable & effectual in the lawe, aswel against the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, as againste the queene her heires and successors according to the tenor of the said letters patēts, the same to be expounded cōstrued demed & adiudged most beneficial for the patentees

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and graūtees of the same, according vnto the wordes & purport of euery the said letters patents, without any confirmation, licence, or tolleration of the quene, her heires or successors, any misnaminge, misrecital, or non recitall of any the same honors, castels, maners, landes, tenemētes & other the premisses or any percel therof, or any lacke of fyndinge of offices, or inquisitions of and in the premisses, wherby the title of the Quenes highnes therin ought to haue ben founde before the makinge of the same letters patentes or other writinges, or any misrecital, or none recitall of leases therof before made, as well of record as not of record, or any lacke of the certaintie, miscastinge, rating, or setting forth of the yearly values and rates of the premisses, or of the yearly rentes reserued of & for the premisses or any percel therof, mentioned or conteined in any the said letters patentes, or other writinges, or for that the premisses be, or any part thereof is valued to a more or lesse value in the sayd letters patentes or writinges, then the said manors, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, then were or shalbe in yearly value, or any misnaming of the townes, Hamlettes, parishes, or counties wher the same honours, Castels, manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses and euery percell therof, or any percell therof lien or ben, or any lacke of the true naminge of the landes, tenementes, or hereditamētes, or of the natures, kindes, sortes, or quantities of the sayde possessions or hereditamentes or any percell therof, or any lacke of the true naminge of the corporation, or any lacke of atturnement, liuery, or seasō, or any misnaming of any the late tenauntes or fermours of the same so sold or geuen, notwithstandinge.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by thauctorītie aforesaid, that this acte nor any thinge therin conteyned shall not extend to make anye letters patents of any office or offices, to be of any other effect, force, or strength thē the same letters patents were or shuld haue ben before ỹ making of this act.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by thauctorītie aforesayde, that all and singuler suche patentees, graūtees, and donees, and euerye of them, whiche at any time heretofore sithens the sayd seuenth day of July haue obteyned and gotten of our sayd Soueraigne Lorde and Lady the kyng and Quene or of any of them, or at any time hereafter duryng the space of seuen yeares, shall obtaine and get of our sayd Soueraigne lord and lady the king and Quene that nowe be, or of any of them by way of exchaunge, or for any summe or summes of monye, any letters patents of any monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonneries, or other ecclesiasticall possessions, or of any percell of them, or of any other manours Landes Tenementes or Hereditaments whatsoeuer, whiche at the date and makyng of any the same letters patentes so made, sithens the saide seuenth daye of Julye, or hereafter to be made durynge the space of seuen yeares as is aforesayde, were or shalbe of better and more yearely valewe to the kynge and Quenes highnes or to anye of them, in yearly rent and ferme, then was, is, or shalbe conteined, mentioned or specified in any suche letters patentes, or in the perticulers or rate thereof made or to be made by any auditour or auditours, surueyour or surueyours

or other officer, that then euery suche patentee, graunter, and donee, then heyres executours or assignes and euery of them, within one yeare next after office and other due proofe order and decre therof made and had, or to be made and had within the space and terme of seuen yeares next after this present parliament in the courte of the eschequer, shall content and paye vnto the quenes maiestie her heires and successours, for the same ouerplus and more value of the same monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonneries, manors landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, with their appurtenaunces, so solde, geuen, graunted, or exchaunged as is aforesayde, after the rate of twenty yeares purchase, and accordinge to the yeerely value and rate as the same manours, Landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, were at the time of the makinge of any such letters patentes so made, or to be made in maner & fourme aforesayd. Any thynge conteined in any such letters patentes to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

PROVIDED also and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that this acte or any prouision therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extend to confyrme, ratifie, or make good anye lease or leases, made or to be made by our sayde Soueraigne Lorde and Lady the kynge and Quene, or by anye of them for terme of life, lifes, or for yeares, wherevpon the olde and accustomed rentes or more, be not, or hereafter shall not be reserued, and yearely payable duringe the tyme and terme of euerye suche lease, nor that this presente acte shall in any wyse extende to reuiue or make good any letters patentes made of any office or offices to anye comptroller, customer, alneger, sercher, ne to anye letters patentes of the graunte of any other office or offices heretofore graunted or made by the kinge and Quenes maiestie, or any of them, whiche nowe be or at anye time heretofore haue ben adnichilated, determined or made voide by iudgement by auctoritie of parliament, or by decree, nor to anye patent to be made to anye person or persons for terme of yeares, or during ꝑ minoritie of any heyre of any manours Landes or tenementes, whereof any trauerse hereafter shalbe tendred within three monethes after any office founde and certified into anye of the kinges courtes of recorde, ne to make good anye letters patentes made by oure sayde Soueraigne lorde and Ladye or any of them of anye office or offices to be of anye other effecte force or strength then the same letters patentes were or should haue bene before the makinge of this Acte.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, shall not extende to any letters patentes whiche at any tyme heretofore sithen the beginninge of the Quenes maiesties reigne haue ben made or hereafter shalbe made by the kynge and quenes highnes, or by the quenes maiestie onely, to any person or personnes of any manours Landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, or other hereditamentes, by force of any information, suite, or suggestion, made, or to be made to her highnes, that the same manoures, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes so conteyned in any suche letters patentes, were concealed landes, nor to any letters patentes heretofore made by our sayde soueraigne Lorde and lady the kinge and Quenes maiesties, or any of them,

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to Rauke Jackson clerke, nowe maister of the hospitall of the Sauoye in the parishe of Saint Clementes Dacorum, without the barres of the newe temple London, and to his brethren, beyng perpetuall Chaplaynes of the same Hospitall, and to theyr successoures, but that the same letters patentes and euery of them, shall stande, remayne, and be in the same force, strength, and effecte, as they were before the makinge of this acte, any thinge in this acte mentioned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

AND where the manoure of Southwell in the countie of Nottingham, and also the Scite and precincte of the colledge of Southwell in the same countie together, with diuers other landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes to the sayde late colledge lately belongynge or appertaininge, were conueyed and assured by indenture, fine, or otherwyse, by or from John Beamount esquier, vnto our late Soueraigne Lorde kinge Edward the Sixte and to his heyres and successours, for the discharge and satisfaction of diuers great summes of money, wherein the same John Beamounte was indetted to the said late king. Be it enacted and established by the authoritie aforesaid, that the saide conueyaunces and assuraunce shalbe perfect, good, sufficient and auayleable against the said Beamount and his heyres, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, according to the purport, tenor, and true meaning of the same conueiaunces, and assuraunces. Sauing to al and euery person or persons, and bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours and euery of them, other then the said John Beamount, his wyfe, and his heyres, and all other clayming any estate or interest by or from the or any of the sithens the same conueiaunce and assuraunce, all such right, title, interest, possession, estate, leases, rentes, seruices, commons, and all other profites and commodities whatsoeuer, as they or anye of them, shoulde, or might haue had if this acte had neuer ben had ne made. Anye thinge therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandinge.

AN ACTE for the hauing of horse, armour, and weapon.

The. ii. Chapiter.

FOR THE BETTER furniture and defence of thys Realme. Be it enacted by the kyng and quenes Maiesties, with thassentes of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, & by authoritie of the same, that asmuch of al & euery acte and Statute concernyng onely the keping or fyndinge of horse, horses, or armoure, or of any of them hereto fore made or prouyded, and all & euery forfeyture, and penaltye, concernyng onely the same, shalbe from hence forth vtterly voyde repealed and of none effect. And be it further enacted by thauethoritie aforesayd, that euery noble man, gentelman & other temporal person, after the rate & proportion hereafter declared shal haue & kepe in a redines such horses, geldinges, Armoure & other furniture for the wars, at the lest, & in such sort & maner as is & shalbe in this act hereafter expressed and declared. That is to saye, all and euery person temporall, hauynge any honors, lordeshippes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or woodes

woodes of estate of enheritaunce or freholde, to the clere yerely value of one thowsand pound or aboue, shall from & after the first day of May, which shal be in the yere of our lord god, a thousand. v. hundred fifty & eight haue, find, kepe susteine & mainteine within this realme of England, of their owne proper and at their owne proper costes and expences. vi. horses, or geldyngs able for dimilaunces, wherof. iii. of the at the leaste to be horses, with sufficiente harnesses, steele sadels and weapon, requisit and apperteyning to the sayde demylaunces, horses or geldynges, and tenne light horses or geldinges able and mete for light horsemen, with the furniture of harnes and weapon requisite for the same. And also forty corselettes furnished, fortye almayne ryuettes or in stede of the said almaine riuettes, forty cotes of plate, corseletes or brygandines furnished, fortye pykes. xxx. longe bowes. xxx. shefes of arrowes. xxx. steele cappes or sculles. xx. blacke billes, or halberdes. xx. haque buttes, and twenty morians or salettes. And euery person temporal hauing any honors, lordeshippes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or woodes, of any such estate as is aforesaid, to the clere yerely value of a thousande markes. or aboue, and vnder the clere yearelye value of a thousande pound, shal haue, finde, susteine and maintaine within this realme of their owne proper and at their owne propet costes and expences, foure horses or geldinges, able for dimilaunces whereof two at the leaste to be horses, with suffycyente harnesses, and weaponne, and sadels mete and requysyte to the sayde dymylaunces Horses or Geldynges, and syxe lyghte horses or geldinges, able and mete for light horsemen, with furniture of harnes, and weapon requisite for the same. And also of armor and weapō. xxx. corselets furnyshed. xxx. almayne ryuettes or in stede of the sayde almaine ryuettes, xxx. cotes of plate, corselettes, or brygandynes furnyshed. xxx. pykes, twentye long bowes. xx. shefes of arrowes. xx. steele cappes or sculles, ten blacke billes or halbertes, tenne haquebuttes, and ten morians or salletes. And euery person temporall hauing honors, lordships, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or wodes of any such estate as is aforesaid, to the clere yerely value of foure hundred poundes or aboue, and vnder the clere yerely value of a thousande markes shal haue, finde, kepe, susteine and meynteyne as is aforesayd, two horses, or one horse and one geldyng able for dimilaunces, with sufficient furniture of harnes, steele sadels and weapō for the same as is aforesayde, and foure geldynges able for lyght horsemen with sufficient harnes and weapon for the same, and also. xx. corselettes furnished. xx. almayne riuettes furnished, or in stede of almaine riuettes. twenty cotes of plate corselettes or brygādines furnyshed, twēty pykes, fyftene long bowes fyftene shefes of arrowes, fyftene steele cappes or sculles, fyue haquebuttes, and fyue morians or salletes. And that euerye person temporal hauyng lord shippes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or woods, of any such estate as is aforesayde, to the clere yerely value of. CC. poundes or aboue, and vnder the clere yerely vaue of. CCCC. poundes, shal from the said first day of May, haue kepe susteine and mainteine. i. gret horse or gelding, able for a dimilaunce, with sufficient furniture of harnes, steeled sadle, & weapon

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for the same, & two geldings able for light horsemē in harnes and weapons sufficient as is aforesaid for the same, and also ten corselettes furnished, ten almaine riuettes, or in ꝯ place of almaine riuettes, v. cotes of plate, corselettes or brigandines furnished. x. pikes. viii. long bowes viii. sheles of arrowes, viii. steele cappes or sculles. three haquebutts, & three morians or salettes. And euery person temporall hauing any lord shippes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or woodes, of any such estate as is aforesaid, to the clere yerely value of one hundred pouds or aboue, & vnder the yerely value of .ii. hundrede pounds shal from and after the sayde first day of May, haue, kepe, and mayntaine (as is aforesayd) two geldinges able and mete for light horsemē, with sufficient harnes, and weapon requisit for the same. And also three corselettes furnished, three almaine riuettes, or in stede of them foure morys cotes of plate, corselettes, or brygandines furnished, iii. pikes, iii. long bowes, three sheles of arrowes, three steele cappes or sculles, two haquebuttes, and two morians or sallettes. And also euery person temporall hauing lordeshippes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or woodes, of any such estate as is aforesaid, to the clere yearely value of a hundred markes or aboue, and vnder the yearelye value of a hundred poundes, frō the said first day of May, shal haue, kepe, mainteine and sustetne one gelding able and mete for a light horsemā, ỽ the harnes & weapō sufficient & requisit for the same, two corselettes furnished, two almaine riuettes, or in stede of ꝯ same two cotes of plate, or brigādines furnished, two pikes, two lōg bowes, two sheles of arrowes, ii. steele cappes or sculles. i. haquebut, i. morian or salet. And also euery person tēporal hauing lordships, manors, houses, lands, meadowes pastures or woods, of any such estate as is aforesayd, to ꝯ yerely value of .xl. pouds or aboue, & vnder the yerely value of a hundred markes, shal frō & after ꝯ said first day of May, haue mainteine & kepe. ii. corselettes furnished. ii. almaine ryuettes, or in stede of ꝯ same, i. cotes of plate, corselettes or brigādines furnished, two pikes, one long bowe, one shefe of arrowes, one steele cap or scull. ii. haquebuttes. ii. morians or sallets. And also euery persō tēporal hauing lordships, manors, houses, landes meadowes, pastures, or woods of any such estate as is aforesaid, to the clere yerely value of. xx. poundes or aboue, and vnder the yerely value of fourty poundes, shal frō ꝯ said first day of May, haue, kepe, & mainteyne one corselet furnished, one pike, one haquebut, one morīā or sallet, one long bowe, one shefe of arrowes, & one steele cap or scull. And also euery persō tēporal hauing lordshipes, manoures, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or woods, of any such estate as is aforesaid, to ꝯ cleare yerely valus of. x. poundes or aboue, & vnder the yearelye value of. xx. pouds, shal frō & after the said day haue, kepe, & sustteine one almaine ryutte, cote of plate or brygandyne furnyshed, one haquebut. i. morian, or sallet, & one long bowe, & one shefe of arrowes, one steele cap or scul. And also euery persō tēporal hauing lordships, manors, houses, lādes,

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meadowes, pastures or woodes, of such estate as is aforesayde, to the clere yerely value of fyue poundes or aboue, & vnder the yerely value of x. poundes, shal from and after the sayd first day of May. haue, kepe, & susteyne one cote of plate furnished, one blacke byll, or halbert, one long bowe, one shefe of arrowes, and one stele cape, or scull. And also euerye personne temporal hauyng goodes or cattells to the value of one thousande markes or aboue, shall from the sayde firste daye of Maye, haue fynde, kepe, susteyne, and maynetayne as is aforesayde, one horse, or geldynge able for a demylaunce, with sufficient harnes, stele sadle, & weapon, requisite and conuenient for the same, and one geldinge able and mete for a light horseman, with harnes and weapon sufficient and requisite as is aforesayd for the same, or eightene corselets furnished in ye stede of the sayd horsse, and geldyng, and furniture of the same at hys choyse. And also shall from the same day haue, fynd, kepe, and maynetayne of armoure and weapon, two corseletes furnished, two almaine ryuettes, or for the same almon ryuettes, two cottes of plate, two corselettes, or two brygandynes furnyshed, two pykes, foure longe bowes, foure shefe of arrowes, foure stele cappes or sculles, and three haquebutes, with three morians, or salletes. And also euery person temporal hauynge goodes or cattels, to the values hereafter in this present act, specyfyed and declared, shall from and after the sayde first day of May haue fynde, kepe, susteyne and maynetayne such geldynges, armoure, weapon and furniture forwarre as is hereafter declared. That is to saye, hauynge to the value of foure hundred poundes or aboue, and vnder the value of a thousande markes, one geldynge able and meate for a lyghte horseman with sufficient harnes and weapon requisite, and mete for the same or .ix. corselettes, furnyshed at his election, and also shal haue, fynde, and kepe one other corselette furnished, one pike, two almayne ryuetes, or plate cotes or brygandines furnyshed, one haquebut, two longe bowes, two shefes of arrowes, and two stele cappes or sculles. And hauynge in goodes and catteles, to the valewe of two hundrede pounde or aboue, and vnder foure hundred, one corselet furnished one pyke two almayne ryuetes, plate cotes, or brygandynes, furnyshed one haquebut, one murryan or salet, two long bowes and two shefe of arrowes, and two scules or stele cappes. And hauyng in goods and cattells to the value of a hundred poundes or aboue, and vnder .ii. hundred, one corselette, furnyshed and one pyke, one payre of almayne ryuyttes, one plate cote, or payre of brygandine furnyshed, two long bowes, and two shefes of arrowes, and two sculles. And hauynge as is aforesayde, in goodes and catteles, to the value of fourtye poundes, or aboue, and vnder a hundred poundes, two payre of almon riuettes, or two cotes of plate or brygandynes, furnyshed one longe bowe, and one shefe of arrowes, one stele cappe or scull, and one blacke byll, or halbert. And hauynge as is aforesayde in goodes and cattelles to the valewe

lewe of.xx.poundes or aboue, and vnder.xl.poundes, one payre of almayne riuettes, or one cote of plate, or one paire of brygandines, two longe bowes, two sheues of arrowes, two sculles or steele cappes, and one blacke byll or halbert. And hauinge as is aforesayde to the value of tenne poundes or aboue, and vnder twenty poundes one longe bowe, one sheue of arrowes, with one steele cappe or scull, and one blacke byll or halbert. And also that euery personne temporall, not beynge aboue charged by this acte, hauinge or that hereafter shall haue any annuitie or annuities, or yearely fee or fees for terme of life, or of any estate of inheritaunce, or any copyholde or copyholdes, for terme of lyfe, or of anye estate of inheritaunce, to the cleare yearelye value of. xxx. poundes or aboue, shalbe charged and chargeable with such furniture of warre as is aforesayde, in euery degree, qualitie, and condition, according to the proportions and rates before expressed, limitted, and appointed for goodes and cattels.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that euerye personne whiche by vertue of the acte made in the parliamente holden at westminster in the. xxxiii. yeare of the reigne of kynge Henrye the eyght, was bounde (by reason that his wife shoulde weare suche kynd of apparell or other thing, as in the same statute is specially mentioned and declared) to kepe or kynde one greate stoned trottinge horse, and is not by this act before charged, to haue, mainteyne, and kepe any horse or geldinge, shall from the sayde fyrste daye of Maye, haue, kepe, and maynteyne one geldinge, able and mete for a light horseman, with sufficient harnes and weapon for the same, in suche maner and fourme as euery temporall personne hauinge lordeshippes, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or woodes of suche estate as is aforesayde, of the clere yearely value of one hundred markes, is charged or appoynted to find haue and maynteyne by this present acte.

AND BE IT further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any personne chargeable by this acte, as is aforesayde, shall by the space of any thre whole monethes after the sayde fyrst daye of Maye, lacke or wante the sayde number and kindes of horses, geldinges, armoure, weapon, and furniture aforesayde, or any of them, after suche rate, proportion, maner, and fourme as is in this acte aboue limitted, declared, and appoynted. That then euery suche personne shall forfeyt and loose for euery suche thre monethes that he shall so lacke and want the same number and kyndes of horses, geldinges, armoure, weapon, and furniture, or any parte thereof, for euery horse or geldynge so lackyng, ten poundes, and for euery dimilaunce and furniture of the same, thre poũdes, and for euery corselet and furniture of the same. xl.s. and for euery almayne ryuette, cote of plate, or brigandine, and the furniture of the same. xx.s. and for euery bow & sheafe of arrowes, byl, halbert, haquebut steele cappe, scull, moryan and salette. x.s. the one moytie of which said forfey-

forfeytures, shalbe to the kinge and Quene oure Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, and to theyres and successours of the same our soueraygne ladye, and the other moytye to him or them that wyll sue for the same in any courte of recorde, by byll, playnte, action of debte, or information, in the whiche byl, playnt, action, or information, no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection shall be allowed or admitted.

AND BE IT further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the inhabitauntes of euery citie, borroughe, towne, parishe, and hamlette within this realme, other then suche as are specially charged before in this acte, shall haue fynde, kepe, susteyne, and mainteyne, at theyr common charges and expences, suche harnes, and weapon, and as muche therof as shalbe appoynted by the comissioners of our sayd soueraigne lorde and ladye, and of the heyres and successours of the same our soueraygne lady, for the musters or bewe of armour within suche citie, borroughe, towne, paryshe or hamlette, there to be kepte in suche place as by the sayd comissioners shall be apoynted. And the numbers and kindes therof to be wrytten and comprysed in a payre of indentures, to be made betwene the sayde commissioners or two of them at the leaste, and twelue, eyghte, or foure of the chiefest of euery suche citie, borough towne, parishe, or hamlette, wherof one part to remayne with the cheif officer of the same citie, borough, towne, paryshe, or hamlette: and the other part to remayne with the clerke of the peace of the shyre or countye where euery suche citie, towne, borough, paryshe, or hamlette shall stande or be. And if the same inhabitauntes of euery such citie, borough towne, paryshe, or hamlette, other then suche as are specially (as is aforesayde) charged, shall lacke or wante suche harnes or weapons, or any parte thereof, as shall be vnto them appoynted by the sayd comissioners for the musters or bewe of armoure, as is aforesayde, by the space of any thre monethes together next after any such appointment made: that then the same inhabitauntes shall forfeyte for euery the sayd thre monethes for euery suche harnes or weapons so lackyng after the rate aboue limitted, the one moytie therof to be to our sayde soueraigne lord and ladye, and to theyres and successours of our said soueraygne lady, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyll sue for the same in any of the courtes of recorde of our sayd soueraygne lorde and Ladye, and of the heyres and successours of the same oure soueraigne Ladye, by byll, playnte, action of debte, or information, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne or protection shalbe admitted or allowed.

AND BE IT further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that the lord Chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beynge, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this presente acte, frome time to time to graunte out commissions vnder the great seale of England, to the Justices of peace within euery shyre or countie of this realme, or to so many of them as by his discretion shall be thought mete and conueniente

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for the appointinge and limittinge of the sayd harnelles and weapõs, to be founde, kept, and mainteyned, in euery such citie, borough, towne parishe, and hamlette, at the common charges of the inhabitauntes thereof, as is aforesayde.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte or any thinge therein conteyned shall not extende to take awaye or discharge any tenaunt, or fermour, of his seruice or couenaunte towardes his Lorde, for the fyndinge of horse, armoure, or weapon, or for doynge of seruice by him selfe or anye other, whiche, by the tenure of his lande or ferme, he is bounde to do, at the time of makinge of this acte, but that he shall yelde, paye, and doe the same in as large ample maner and fourme, as though this act had neuer bene had ne made.

AND be it further enacted by thauctheritie aforesayd, that the iustices of peace, of euery Shire, shal haue power and auctheritie by vertue of this acte, from time to time, to make search and vewe of and for the sayd furnytures of horses, geldinges, armour and weapon, to be founde mainteined and kept by any person aboue said, haynge lordshyppes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or woodes to ỹ clere yerely value of. CC. poundes or vnder, and not aboue the yerely value of. CCCC. pounds, or to be found, mainteined or kept by any person or persons chargeable by this act, by reason of hys or their goodes, cattels, annuities, fees, or copyholdes as is aforesayd, and to heare and determine at their quarter Sessions all and euery the defaultes committed or done contrary to this acte, within the countye, where suche Sessions shalbe kept, by inquisition, presentment, byl, or informatyon before them exhibited, or by examination of two lawefull wytnes, at the discretion of the same Justyces, & to award processe therevpon as though they were indicted before them by verdict of. xii. men or more. And vpon the conuiction of the offender by informatiõ or suit of anye other then the kinge or the quene, or of theires or successours of ỹ quene to make estreates of the one moitie of the said forfeytures to be leuyed to thuse of oure sayd soueraygne lorde and lady, or of theirs or Successors of ỹ quene to make estreates of the one moitie of the said forfeytures to be leuyed to thuse of oure sayd soueraygne lorde and lady, or of theirs or Successors of the same our souerayngne lady, as they vse to doo of other fynes issues, and amercyamentes, growynge in the Sessyons of peace, and to awarde execution of the other moytie for the compleynaunte or informer agaynste the offender, by *fieri facias* or *capias*, as the kinges Justices at westminster, may doo and vse to doo. And yf any such conuiction shal hereafter happen at thonely suite of oure sayde souerayngne lorde and ladye, or of the heires or successours of the same our Souerayngne lady, that then the whole forfeytures to be estreated and leuyed to their vses onelye.

AND BE IT FVRTHER enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that whensoeuer anye persone shall at anye tyme hereafter be conuicted by vertue of this acte, for anye defaulte or thinge mentioned

in thys acte, that then the same person shal not otherwise or eftsones be vexed, troubled, sued or conuicted for the same defaulte or thing, wherfore he shalbe so conuicted.

AND be it moreouer enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye Souldioure shall at anye tyme hereafter make sale of his horse, harnes, and weapon, or anye of them contrarye to the fourme of the sayde statute, made in the saide seconde and thirde yeares of the saide late kinge, that then not onely the same Souldiour shall incurre the penalties of that statute, but also the sayde sale made by suche souldioure to any person or personnes knowing him to be a souldior, shalbe voyde and of none effecte, agaynst him or them that founde or set forth the sayde horse, harnesse, and weapon, or any of them, to, or for the furniture of suche souldioure to serue with the same.

PROVIDED alwayes, that no person shall be impeached or troubled for any offence done contrary to this acte, onlesse presentmente or sute therof be had, made, or taken wtin one yeare next after thoffence done, any thing in this act to ye contrary therof in any wyse notwtstanding.

PROVIDED alwaye and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that if at any time hereafter it shal fortune any person or persons aforesayde, to be sued or impeached for any forfeyture or penaltie, for not hauinge, fusteyninge, or kepinge such furniture of corselets, pykes, haquebuttes, or morians, as by this acte is before limitted, rated, and apointed, and for his or theyr excuse and aunswere, shall alleage and pleade that the same furniture so lacking, coulde not by him or them conueniently be had, gotten, or prouided, for want and lacke of the same within this realme, accordinge to the tenure and purporte of this acte, the same matter of want and lacke as is aforesayde, shall be allowed, and taken for a good and sufficient aunswere and barre in the lawe, in case it be true, and if the same be denied or trauersed, that therupon an issue shalbe ioyned, and that the triall shall be of euery suche issue onelye had by the certificate to be made by the Lord Chauncellour, Lorde Treasurer, the Lorde president of the Councell, the Lorde Stewarde of the Kynges and Quenes moste honorable householde, the Lorde pryuye Seale, the Lorde Admirall, and the lorde Chambrelayne of the sayde householde, or by thre of them, in wrytinge vnder theyr seales, or the seales of thre of them, this presente acte, or anye statute, lawe, or vsage heretofore had to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no personne or personnes chargeable by vertue of this Acte, to or for the fyndynge or hauynge of anye Horse, Geldynge, Armoure, Weapon, or furnyture for the warre, as is aforesayde, shall be charged with the same, or with any of them both, for his manours, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures and woodes, and also for his goodes, catels, fermes, leases, copyholdes, rentes, annuities.

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Prouided also and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that this acte or any thinge therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extend or be adiudged or interpreted, to abrogate, repeale, or make voyde any part, sentence, matter, clause, article, or thinge, conteyned or specified in the statute made in the .xxviij. yeare of the raygne of the late noble Prince of worthy memory kinge Henry the eight, for or concerning the hauing of long bowes and arrowes, & the vsing, order, exercisyng, and mayntenaunce of archery, and shotinge in longe bowes, but that the same statute, and euery article, clause, sentence, and thinge therein conteyned and specified, touching, or in any wyse concerninge the hauinge of longe bowes, arrowes, vsinge, order, exercisinge, or maintenaunce of archerye, and shotinge in longe bowes, shall stande and remayne in force, and be obserued, perfourmed, and kepte, accordynge to the tenure, effecte, and true meaning of the sayd acte, vpon the paynes conteyned in the same, as this acte had not bene hadde ne made, this present act or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandinge.

PROVIDED also, that yf it fall fortune the sayde furniture of armure aforesayd, or any parte therof, at any time hereafter to be lost or spente in any seruice of defence of this realme, or elles the horses or geldinges aforesayd, to be kylled or distroyed, or els by some other occasion to be dead, that in such case or cases, no person or persones shalbe charged w̄ any forfeiture or penaltie aforesayde, for not hauinge suche quantitie or number of armour, horses, or geldinges as is aforesayde, so that he or they within one yeare next after such losse or want, do supply the same againe in al points, according to the true meaning and purport of this act, any thing in the same act to the contrary therof not withstanding.

Prouided also, that the want of any gauntlet or gauntlets, shal not be demed, accompted, or taken for anye lacke or waute of furniture for a corslet, any wordes before expressed, soundinge to the contrarye not withstandyng.

Prouided also and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that euery person and persons charged with the fyndinge of any haquebut, and his or theyr seruaunt or seruauntes, shall and may exercise and vse shotinge in the same haquebutte, at suche markes as are limitted and appointed by the statute made in the .xxviij. yeare of the raygne of kinge Henry the eyght, or at theyr owne proper games, so that they carry not, or vse not the same haquebut in any vnlyghe waye, vnlesse it be comynge or goynge to or from the musters, or marching towardes or from the seruyce of defence of the realme, any clause or article in the sayde acte of the .xxviij. yeare, to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte ne any thinge therin conteyned, shall extende to charge any person or persons, dwellinge or abydinge within the countreys of Northwales, and Southwales, and within

the countye Palentine of Lancaster and Chester, or either of them, with the findinge or hauinge of any haquebut, but that they and euery of them, shall and maye at theyr wyll, libertie, and pleasure, haue and kepe, in stede and place of euery haquebutte, charged by this acte, one longe bowe, and one sheffe of arrowes, ouer and besides suche other armour and munition as is by the lawes of this realme limitted and appoynted, anye thinge in this acte to the contrarye notwythstandinge.

PROVIDED alwayes that the Lorde Chauncelour of England, or keper of the greate seale for the tyme beinge, shall and maye from time to time by vertue of the kinge and Quenes highnes commission, name, assigne, and appointe commissioners in euery citie, borroughe, and towne corporate, wherein there be Justices of the peace, as well in Englande as in Wales, so many of the same Justices of peace, with suche and as manye other personnes, to be joyned with them dwellinge oute of the sayd cities, borroughes, and townes corporate, as he or they shall thinke mete, to take viewe of armour in euerye of the same cities, borroughes, and townes corporate, accordinge to this presente acte, and also to assigne what harnes and armoure shall be prouided and kepte by the inhabitauntes of euery suche citie, borroughe, and towne corporate, as is aforesayde, accordinge to this present acte.

An ACT for the takinge of musters.

The. iij. chapter.

WHERE heretofore commaundement hath ben geuen by the kinge and Quenes maiesties, and other the progenitours of the Quenes maiestie, kynges of this realme, to diuers and soudry personnes, to muster their maiesties people and subiects of this theyr realme of England, and to leuye a number of them for the seruice of theyr maiesties and of this realme, in theyr warres, suche as were most able and likeliest to serue well in the same, whiche seruice hath ben greatly hyndered, as well for that a greate number hath absented them from the sayde musters, whiche ought to haue come to the same, as also for that manye of the moost able and likelye men for that seruice, haue bene through frendshippe or rewardes, released, forborne, and discharged of the sayd seruice, & some other not being able or mete, taken, appointed, and chosen therunto, and yet the same disabilitie and vnaptnes notwithstanding, the same vnable & vnmete persons vpon summes of money, or other kind of rewardes, or exactions by thē payd, to some suche as had the order of the saide musters, haue ben also released and discharged of the sayd seruice, to the great impouerysshmente of

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the subiectes, and theyfely to the great peryl and daunger of this noble realme, in the hinderaunce of the true and necessary seruyce thereof.

FOR remedy wherof, be it enacted by the king and quene our soueraygne lord and lady, with thassent of the lordes Spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that yf anye person or persones, that shalbe commaunded, at any time hereafter, generally, or specially by to muster afore any such as shall haue auctoritie or commaundement for the same by or from the kyng and quenes Maiesties, or by theires or successors of the quenes maiestie, or by any lieutenaunte, wardeyne or other person or persones auctoryzed for the same, do willyngly absente hym or them selfes from the same musters, hauyng no true and reasonable excuse of sickenes, or other lawefull impediment, or at their apparaunce at such musters, do not bryng with them such their best furnyture of araye, and armoure, as he or they shal then haue for hys or their owne person in arredynes, shall for euery such defaulte and offence, haue and suffer imprisonment by the space of ten dayes, without bayle or mainepryse, by the commaundemente of suche as shall haue auctoritie as is afore sayd, to take the same musters, onelesse he or they so offendyng as is afore sayd, doo agree to or with the said commissioners, or two of them, to paye to thuse of the kyng and quene our soueraygne lord and ladye, or of the heires and successours of the same our soueraygne ladye, for euery such offence, fourty shyllynges for a fyne, which the sayde fyne after agreement for the payment of the same as is afore sayd, shalbe certified and estreated into the court of the escheker at westminster, by such as shall haue power to take the sayd musters as is afore sayd, or by two of them, vnder their seales or the seales of two of them, within the space of two monethes next after such agreement, to pay the sayde fyne had or made, and the same fyne so estreated to be leuyed in such fourme as fynes assessed by the Justyces of assise, or of Gaole deliuerye, in their circuites are vsed to be leuyed.

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the fyne to be estreted in the same forme as fynes assessed in the circuites of the Justices of assise

AND BE IT FVRTHER enacted by the auctoritie afore sayd, that if any person or persones which at any time or tymes hereafter shall be commaunded or appoynted by the kyng and Quene our Soueraygne Lord and lady, or by the heires and successours of the same our Soueraygne Lady, by their commission, letters, or other wyse authoryzed, to leuye muster or make any men to serue in their warres, or otherwyse for the defence of thys realme, do by any meane exact, leuy, receaue, or take, or cause to be taken any fyne or fynes of mony, or other rewarde or thyng whatsoeuer, of any person or persons, for seruice in the warres, or that shalbe appointed, named or mustred to serue in anye such seruice, or for the sparyng, releasyng or dischargyng of such person or persones from the sayde seruice, that then euery such person that so shall offende in exactyng, receauyng or takyng by any waies or meanes anye fyne

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or summes of monye, or other reward, or thyng whatsoeuer as is aforesaid, shal for euery such offence forfeite .x. times so much as he shal so receyue exacte or take.

AND be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that yf any capytayne, pety capitayne or other, hauynge charge of men for seruyce in warre, shal for any aduauntage, lucre or gayne by hym to be taken, or receyued, dyscharge or lycence any of the souldyours, or men appointed to serue in the warres, vnder his rule or order, to depart from ye same seruyce, or shall not paye vnto his souldioures, and to euerye of them, their full and whole wages, conducte and coate monye, within tenne dayes next after that such capitayne, pety capitayne, or other hauynge charge of men as is aforesayd, shall haue receyued the same, that then the party so offendyng in geuyng any suche lycence or dyscharge as is aforesayde, shal lose & forfeyt for euery such offence, ten tymes the value of the thing so taken or receyued, and shal also paye to euery souldiour from whom he shall so withhold any the sayd wages, conduct, or coate mony, treble the summe so withholden, the one moytie of al which forfeytures, other then such as before by this act is lymitted or geuen to the souldyour or souldyors as is aforesayd, for their wages, coate or conducte mony withdrawen, shalbe to the king and the quenes maiesties, and theirs and successoures of the quenes maiestye, and thother moitie thereof to hym or them that wyll sue for the same, by action of debte, byll, playnt, information or otherwyse, in any court of record, in which action or sute no essoygne protection or wager of law, shalbe allowed.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all Justices of assises in their circuites, and al Justyces of peace, within the lymittes of their commission, in their assises and sessyons, and Stewardes of leetes, lawedayes, and libertyes, at their leetes and lawdaies shal and maye from tyme to tyme enquire, here, and determyne euerye of the sayd offences, commytted or done contrary to thys acte, wythin the precynctes of their commyssion, leete or lybertye, and yf any person or persons shalbe before the sayde Justyces of assise, Justices of peace, or any of them, presented or indicted of any thoffēces aforesaid, that thē the said iustices of assise, or iustices of peace, before whom suche indytement or presentment shalbe taken or had, shal and may by the aucthoritye of this act, award such proces against euery such person or persons so indited, as vpō indicements of trespas is vsed and accustomed to be made, & if any such persō or persons so indited, do appere before the said iustices & confesse the same, or plede to the same indytementes, & after by verdycte of .xii. menne shalbe of any the sayde offences conteyned in such inditemēt or inditements connicted, ye thē the said Justyces before whō any such conuyction shalbe so had, shal & may award such person or persons so conuycted vnto pryson, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprye, vntyll such tyme as he or they haue payd, or satisfyed, the

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moytie of the forfeiture aforesayd, vnto the kyng and quenes maiesties vse, and thother moitie therof vnto hym or them that shal come before the sayd Justyces, and geue euidence agaynst the partye to be conuicted at the time of the sayd conuiction, and by whose euydence he shalbe of the said offēce conuicted. And yf any such cōuiction shalbe had wout any euydence openly giuen by any person or persons, that then the partye conuicted as aforesayd, shal remayne in prison as is aforesayd, vntil he haue satisfyed the hole forfeiture to the king and quenes maiesties vse.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that yf any the offences aforesayd, touching captaines, pety captaynes, or other hauyng charge of men, shalbe committed duryngе the time that any army or number of mē being vnder a lieutenaunt shalbe assembled and continue together, or by any captaine, pety captaine, or other hauyng charge of men that shal serue vnder any lord, warden, or other cheiftayne, that then vpon complaint thereof, the lord lieutenaūt or the lord warden, or other cheyftayne, duryngе the tyme of anye hys or their commyssyon shall and maye heare, order, and determyne the same offences, by hys or theyr dyscretyons.

Prouyded alwayes that thys acte, nor any thyng therein conteined shall not in any wise extend to take awaye or discharge any tenaunte or fermoure of hys seruice or couenaunt, towardes hys lord, for the findynge of horse, armor or weapon, or for doynge of seruyce by hym selfe, or by any other, whych by the tenure of hys lande or otherwyse is boūden to do before the makyng of thys acte, but that he shal yelde, do, and paye the same in as ample maner and forme as though this acte had neuer bene had or made.

Prouyded also and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd that yf any such capytayne, pety captaine, or other hauynge charge of men as is aforesayd, shalbe at anye tyme hereafter conuycted, or ordered by vertue of thys acte; for anye of hys offences aforesayde, that then the same Capytaine, petie Capitaine, or other hauing charge of mē as is aforesaid, so conuicted, shal not otherwise or eftsones be vexed, troubled, sued, or conuicted for the same offence, whereof he shal be so before conuicted or ordered.

AND where one braunch or article conteyned in the statute made in the seconde and thyrde yeare of the reygne of the late kynge Edwarde the fyxte, intituled, an acte touchinge the true seruyce of Captaynes, and Souldyoures, whereby the departure of anye Souldyoure seruynge as in the sayde acte is expressed, wythoute lycence of the lyeutenaunte or other offycer or offycers named in the sayde acte, or in their absence, of their deputies, was made felonye, is of noo force, strengthe, ne effecte, at thys presente, by reasonne of the acte of repeale of certayne treasonnes, felonyes, and primynyre made in

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the firſt ſeſſion of the parliament holde at weſtminſter in the fyrſt yere of the Quenes maieſties reygne. Be it for good and reaſonable conſyderatyons enacted and eſtabliſhed by thauctheritie of thys preſent parliament, that the ſayd braunch or article, and euerye ſentence and matter therin conteyned be from henceforth holy reuyued, and recontynued, and be and remayne in full ſtrength and effect to al intentes, cõſtructions and purpoſes, the ſayde acte of repeale notwithſtandynge. And that al and euery other article, clauſe, proviſo, and matter conteined in the ſame acte, ſhall ſtand, remayne, and be in their full force, ſtrengthe, and effecte. Any thyng in this acte conteined to the contrary notwithſtandynge.

The ſubiect ſeuering from the captaynes the ſupplie lienyes in ſeuerall Counties by the ſtatute

AND yet neuertheleſſe wher in the ſayd acte it is prouyded, that no perſon or perſones, ſhould be charged for the takynge or receyuynge of any gyfte or rewarde of anye of hys or their tenauntes or frendes towardes the releyſe, ayde, or helpe of the ſame perſonnes beynge commaunded to ſerue in warres, or otherwyſe to fynd men on horſebacke, or on fote, within thys realme or without, nor for the gyfte, reiwarde, ayde or helpe reſerued, or couenaunted, to be payde or gyuen to any perſon appoynted to ſerue in warres, or to fynde horſe or men, to ſerue by reaſon of any graunt, conenaunte reſeruation, cuſtome or tenure, any thyng in the ſayd acte to the contrary notwithſtanding, as by the ſaid acte and prouiſo more playnely it doth and maye appeare. Be it enacted by thauctheritie of this preſent parliamẽt, ỹ no perſon or perſons ſhal or may by coulour of the ſaid prouiſo, or of any wordes or matter therin conteyned, exact or demaund, or leuy any ſumme or ſummes of money, horſe, armoure, or any other thyng, other then ſhalbe employed furthwith in the preſent ſeruyce of thoſe warres, of the kynge and quenes maieſties, her heires or ſucceſſoures, for whych it is leuyed, the whyche ſumme or ſummes of mony, horſe, armoure, or other thyng, or as much thereof as ſhal not be ſpent, loſt, or conſumed in the ſayd ſeruyce, ſhalbe rendred and reſtored to ſuch perſon or perſones as payde or deliuered the ſame, vpon the penalties and forfeytures conteyned in ỹ ſaid acte.

PROVIDED alwayes, that no perſon or perſons, inhabityng within any cytye, borough, or towne corporate, being a countye of it ſelfe, or in whych any Juſtices of peace be or hereafter ſhalbe, by charter, ſhalbe compellable by vertue of thys acte, to make his or their apparaunce, with ſuch furniture as is aforeſayd, at any muſter hereafter to be had, or taken out of the ſuburbes, precinct, or lyberties of the ſame Cytye, Borough, or Towne, nor before any perſon or perſons, anethoryſed by cõmiſſion or otherwiſe as is aforeſaid, onelle the maior, or other hed of ſyche cytie, borough, or towne, & one other diſcrete inhabitaunt of the ſame at the leaſt be ioyned in the ſame commiſſion or other auctheritie as is aforeſayd with the ſame other perſon or perſons ſo authoriſed, any thing before mentioned to the contrary notwithſtãding.

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The.iiii. Chapter.

FOR THE due punyshmente of suche as commaunde, counsell, or hire any person or persons, to commit, perpetrate, or do any petie treason, wylfull murder, or any of the offences in this presente acte mentioned. Be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie of this presente parliamente, that all and euerye personne and personnes that after the fyrste daye of Marche next comminge, shall malicioully commaunde, hyre, or counsell any person or persons, to committe or do any petye treason, wylfull murder, or to do any robberye in any dwelynge house or houses, or to committe or do any robbery in or nere any high waye in the realme of Englande, or in any other the Quenes dominions, or to commit or do any robbery in any place within the marches of Englande agaynst Scotlande, or wylfully to burne any dwelynge house, or any parte thereof, or anye barne then haupnge corne or grayne in the same, that then euerye suche offender or offenders, and euery of them beynge outlawed thereof, or beynge thereof arraygned and found gyltie by the ordre of the lawe, or beyng otherwyse lawfully attaynted or conuicted of the same offence, or beynge arraygned thereof do stande mute of malice or frowarde mynde, or do chalenge peremptorye aboue the nombre of twenty persons, or wyll not aunswere directly to suche offence, shall not haue the benefite of his or theyr clergye.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted, that euery lorde and lordes of the parliament, and piere and piers of the realme, hauing place and voyce in the parliament, vpon euery inditement for any of the offences aforesayd, shalbe tryed by theyr piers, as hath bene accustomed by the lawes of this realme.

AN ACT touchinge the makinge of woollen clothes.

The.v. Chapter.

WHERE in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the fift and sixt yeare of the reigne of our late soueraigne lorde kinge Edward the sixte, there was by great deliberation and aduise one good acte made for the true & perfect making of woollen cloth within this realme, sythence the makyng whereof, diuers clothiers found them selues agreued, alleging that it is impossible for them to obserue ye same act in all poyntes, & haue in this presente parliamẽt praied some mitigation therof, it is therfore at their speciall instance & requeste ordered established, enacted, & prouided, in maner & fourme folowing.

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IN PRIMIS, that euery white cloth & clothes comonly called longe Worcesters, & all like clothes of like making mentioned in the said act, which by ye same was limited to weigh. lxxxiiii. poūdes, being wel scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dryed, shal weigh. lxxv. poūds at the least.

Itē, euery white cloth which shalbe made in the counties of Wyltes. Gloucester, & Somerset, or any of thē, or els where of like makinge, being apointed by the said acte to weigh. lxiiii. pounds, shal weigh being well scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dried. lxi. poundes at the leaste.

ITEM, euery broade cloth made in the shyres of Kent and Sussex, or at the towne of Reding, or any of them, or els where of like makynge, mentioned in the sayd acte, whiche by the same was limitted to weigh lxxxx. poundes at the least, shall weygh beinge well scoured, thicked, mylled, and fully dried. lxxxvi. poundes at the leaste.

ITEM, that euery course short cloth made in ye shyres of Suff. Nuff. and Essex, or any of them, or els where of like sort, & euery course clothe to be made within the Shyre of Kent, not exceadinge the price of fyxe poundes, all whiche by the sayde Acte are appoynted to conteyne. vii. quarters of a yarde at the least in breadth, shall conteyne and be at the water, beyng thorough wette, sixe quarters and a half within the liste through and by all the whole cloth at the leaste.

ITEM, euery yarde of cloth commonly called handy warp, being wel scoured, thicked, mylled, and fully dried, shall conteyne the breadth specified in the said act, & shal weigh two poundes and a half at the least.

And forasmuch as many persons do counterfet the making of Coksal, Bocking and Braintree clothes comonly called handiwarpes, adding thereunto such like listes as the makers of suche clothes do, to the great deceipte of the king and Quenes maiesties sublectes. Be it therfore enacted, that no person or persons from the first day of May nexte coming, shal adde vnto any cloth or clothes, any such like liste or listes, except the warpe therof be sponne vpon the rocke or distaffe, vpō paine of forfeyture of the same cloth or clothes, or the very value therof. Prouided alwayes that the clothe makers within the citie of Worcestour may make suche listes as they haue done heretofore.

Item that no person or persons inhabiting within the westriding in the countie of yorke, shal make or cause to be made any broade clothe or clothes called pewkes, tawneis, violets, or grenes, except the wol therof before it be conuerted into yarne, be fyrst died, litted, and coulered wt the couler blue, of the value of two pence a poūd, vpō pain of forfeiture of euery such colored cloth, or ye value therof, wherof the wol shal not be first died, litted, & colored wt the couler blue of. ij. d. a. li. as is aforsaid.

Item that euerye ordinarye karsey mentioned in the said acte, shall conteine in length in the water betwixte. xvi. and. xvii. yardes, yarde and ynche, and being wel scoured, thicked, milled, dressed, & fully dried shall weighe. xix. poundes the peece at the leaste. And euerye karseye

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called ſortinge karſey, mentioned in the ſayde Acte, beynge well ſcoured, thicked, mylled, dreſſed, and fully dryed, readye to be ſhewed, ſhall weyghe .xxii. poundes at the leaſte.

ITEM, that euery Deuonſhyre karſey called Doſſone, the whiche is appoynted by the ſame ſtatute to weygh beynge drye .xiiij. poundes at the leaſte, ſhall weygh beinge well ſcoured, thicked, mylled, and fullye dryed, after the rate of euery yarde one pounde at the leaſte.

ITEM, that one article mentioned in the ſayde ſtatute concernynge welſhe cottons touchinge the length and weight, ſhalbe clearely void, and euery gode of welſhe lininge ſhall conteyne and be three quarters of a yarde in breadth in the water, and ſhall weygh one pounde and a halfe quarter, and euery yarde of cotton beyng fully wrought and cottoned, ſhall weygh one pounde at the leaſte.

AND be it further enacted, that no perſon or perſonnes whiche ſhal buye to ſell agayne by waye of retayle or otherwiſe, anye of the ſayde welſhe lininges, ſhall dreſſe or worke, or cauſe to be dreſſed or wrought within his or theyr dwellynge houſe or houſes, or in any other place by him ſelfe, or his ſeruaunt or ſeruauntes, anye of the ſayde welſhe lininges, but ſhall put the ſame to ſome ſuche perſon or perſons, as ſhalbe of the arte or ſcience of Sheremen, Cottoners, or fryſers, to be by theim wrought and dreſſed, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery welſhe cotton or lyninge, fryſed or cottoned to the contrary .vj.s.viij.d.

ITEM, that all and euerye cotton or cottons called Manchester, Lancaſhire, and Cheſſhyre cottons, and all clothes called Manchester Rugges, or Manchester Fryſes, maye be deuyded into two halfe peeces, and ſhall conteyne and be after the rate of ſuche breadth and weyght, as in the ſayd act is limitted and apoynted to a whole peece of euery of the ſeueral peeces of cottons & rugges aforeſayd, any thing in the ſaid former ſtatute to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtãding.

AND if any cloth or karſey of the ſeuerall kindes of makinges, mentioned in the ſaid former act, or this eſtatute, do excede the ſeueral lengthes mentioned in the ſame, that then euery yarde ſo excedinge, ſhall weygh after ſuch rate as euery yarde of ſuche cloth or karſeys conteyning the ſayd ſeuerall lengthes, ſhall or ought to weygh, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery yarde not weyinge after ſuche rate .v.s. And if any ſuche cloth or karſeys ſhall lacke of ſuch weyght as by the ſayd ſtatute or this acte it ought and is appoynted to haue, then the maker thereof or other perſon in whoſe handes or poſſeſſion the ſame ſhall be founde, ſhall forfeyte for euery pounde lacking aboue .iiij. poundes .v.s. and alſo for euery pounde exceadinge not aboue .iiij. poundes .ij.s. in maner and fourme as in the ſayd former acte is appointed.

ITEM, one article mentioned in the ſaid ſtatute wherein the alneger is prohibited to ſet his ſeal to any cloth or karſey which ſhal proue purſy, bandy, ſqually, in or by warpe or woofe, or elſ ſhal happen to be euell

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burled or wasted in the mylle, or otherwyse to be full of holes, mylbrackes, or to be hoolye, shalbe voyde and of none effecte.

ITEM it is enacted that if at any time after the fyrste daye of Maye, anye clothe or karsey, thoroughe the defaulte or necligence of the karders, spinners, or weauers, or any of them, shal, or do proue eyther pursey, cockeley, bandye, squally, or rowye, by warpe or woofe, or els shall happen to be euell burled, or wasted in the myll, or elles thoroughe the defaulte or necligence of the myll man, or otherwyse, to be full of holes, mylbrackes, or to be hooly, that then the maker of euery suche clothe or kersey so beynge defectiue or faultie as is aforesayde, shal fixe vnto euerye ende of the sayd clothe or karseye so beynge defectiue and faultye, and offred to be solde, one seale of leade, in the whiche seale shalbe ingraued this worde (faultye) vpon payne of forfeyture of suche clothe or karsey, or the value thereof so offred to be solde, wherevnto suche seale shall not be set.

ITEM, the article mentioned in the sayde former acte of retourninge of defectiue clothes, karseyes, frises, or cottons beyng transported ouer the seas by the marchauntes, shalbe vtterly voyde. But neuertheles be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that if it shall fortune hereafter any marchaunte or marchauntes, to transporte anye clothe or clothes, karseys, fryses, or cottons, whervnto the seale with this word (faultye) was not annexed at the tyme of the sale therof by the clothier, and the same clothes, karseys, fryses, or cottons so transported, or anye of them to be founde faultie or defectiue, and the same marchaunt or marchaũtes therof, within two yeares after suche sale, to brynge a certificate, sealed with the seale of any towne or companye in the parties beyonde the seas, or signed by a Notarye there, after the accustomed maner, testifienge and declarynge therby the losse and damage whiche the marchauntes shall haue susteyned by suche defectiue and faultie clothe or clothes so transported, that then the clothier or clothiers, or other person of whome the clothe or clothes was boughte, theyr executours or administratours, shall within sixe wekes nexte after requeste made by the sayde marchaunte, his executours, administratours, or assignes, well and truelye satysfye contente and paye, to suche marchaunte, his executours or administratours, or assignes, all and euery suche summe and summes of money as shal so be mentioned, expressed, and declared in the sayd certificate, vpon payne of forfeyture to the partye greued, for euery none payment vpon suche requeste, double the value of suche summe or summes mentioned in the sayde certificate.

PROVIDED alwayes, that suche marchaunte shall not in anye wyse haue by vertue of this act, any recompence for lacke of length, breadth, or weyght, of, or for any cloth, whervnto the seale of any citie, borough or towne corporate shalbe fixed.

ITEM, yf any personne shall by him selfe, or by any other personne by him

hym procured, counterfet, set to, or take away frō any cloth, karley, frise, rugge, or cotton, any seale appoynted to be fixed to any clothe, karleye, fryse, rugge, or cotten, eyther by this acte, or by the sayde former estatute, that then euerye suche persōne so offendinge, shall incurre and haue like penalties, forfeitures, and punishmentes, as in the sayde former acte is apoynted and limitted for the like offense.

And for the better execution as well of this presente acte, as of the sayde former estatute, and to the intente that all kinde of karleys, cottons, frises, rugges, and other woollen cloth, made in any towne shalbe the better knowen, it is further enacted, that the seal of euery borough or towne corporate, appoynted, or to be appoynted for the sealynge of anye suche kynde of cloth, shall be fixed to all and euery suche kynde of clothe, beynge well and substauncially made within suche Citie, borroughe, or towne corporate, whyche clothe so Sealed with the seale of anye Citie, Borroughe, or Towne corporate, shall not be searched, tryed, or viewed by anye Searcher or Sealer of anye other Citie, Borroughe, or Towne corporate, by vertue of his sayde office, anye thynge in thys acte, or in the sayde former estatute to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Item, be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euerye persōne and persōnes, not dwellinge and inhabitinge within anye Citie, Borough, or corporate towne, and makinge any of the clothes or karleys aforesayde, maye lawfullye bringe the same to the nexte Citie, Borroughe, or corporate towne, where anye suche kynde of clothes or karleys be or shalbe commonlye made, there to be sealed in maner and fourme as is before expressed.

Item, yf any Searcher or Sealer apointed, or to be appointed by vertue of this presente acte, or of the sayde former Statute, shall sette the Seale of anye Citie, Borroughe, or Towne corporate, to any cloth, whiche shall not conteyne suche lengthe, weyghte, and breadth, as in the sayde former Statute, or in this presente acte is appoynted, that then the Mayer and Cominaltie, or Baylyf and Comynaltie, or other corporation of the Towneshippe, by whatsoeuer name or names it or they shalbe incorporated, where suche cloothe, karleye, fryse, cotton, or rugge shalbe so sealed, shall forfeyte and lose the hole value of the cloth so sealed.

It is also enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parlyamente, that the sayd Searchers or Sealers and euery one of them, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this Acte, in the daye tyme, to entre into all and euerye house and houses, of euerye persōne or persōnes, where he or they shall thinke mete to searche, and to trye all and euerye kynde of cloothes, karleyes, fryses, and rugges as they shall fynde defectyue, eyther in lengthe, breadthe, or weyghte, and the same to trye by water and weyghte, and also to searche

and ſeale as forfeyte all and euery cloth and clothes made of other colours then in the ſayde former acte is appointed, fryars gray, crane coloure, purple, and olde medley coulours, moofte commonly vſed to be made before twenty yeares laſt paſt, onely excepted.

AND yf anye manner of perſonne or perſones, at any tyme after the fyrſte daye of Maye nexte commynge, ſhall deny, withſtande, or withholde any cloth or clothes, karſeys, fryſes, rugges, or any of them, from the ſayde Sealers or Searchers, or any of them, or wyll not ſuffer thē to enter into theyr ſhops, warehouſes, houſes or places wher theyr clothes, karſeys, fryſes, or rugges ſhall be, the ſame to be ſearched and tryed as is aforeſayde, that then euerye ſuche perſon or perſons ſo denyinge or withſtandinge, for euery ſuche withſtandyng, withholding or denyall, to forfeyt and loſe .x. poundes.

Be it lykewyſe further enacted, that it ſhall not be lawfull for any of the ſayde Searchers, or Sealers, or anye other perſonne, to ſearche anye manner of wollen cloothe or karſeye, wherevnto the Seale of a Citie, Borroughe, or Towne corporate, ſhall be fyxed, within the common clothe markette of London, commonlye called Blackewell hall, or in anye common clothe faire, or clothe mackette of anye other Citie, Borroughe, or Towne corporate, in and durynge the tyme of the fayre or markette, anye Acte or Statute to the contrarye notwythſtandynge.

BE IT further enacted, that all and euerye article, clauſe, and ſentence in the ſayde former Statute made in the fyfte and ſixte yeare of the reygne of oure ſayde late Soueraigne Lorde, kynge Edwarde the Syxte, beinge not repugnaunte or contrary to anye article, clauſe or ſentence conteyned in this preſente acte, ſhall ſtande in full force and effecte.

Prouided alwayes, that no perſone or perſonnes ſhall incurre the daunger, penaltye, or forfeyture limitted and appointed for any offence in the ſayde former acte, the which is already mittigated or otherwiſe appointed by this preſent acte.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that euerye clothier ſhall cauſe euerye clothe whiche he ſhall put to ſale, frome and after the feaſte of the Natiuitie of Sainte John Baptiſte nexte commynge, to be marked with the letter M. crowned, wrought in the cloth, vpon payne to forfeyte .xx.s. for euerye clothe, beynge ſolde or put to ſale by anye ſuche clothier after the ſayde feaſt not marked with the ſayde lettre M. as is aforeſaide.

And moreouer be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, that no perſon or perſons after the ſaid feaſt of the natiuitie of S. John Baptiſt, ſhal ſel or put to ſale within the realme of England, any coloured cloth of any other colour or colours then are hereafter in this act mentioned that is to ſaye, ſcarlet, red, crimſon, murrey, violet, perwke, browne blacke

blacke, greue, yellowe, blue, oriche tawny, russet, marble, gray, sad new coulour Azner, watchet, shepes couloure, Lyon colour, motleye, yron gray, friers graye, crane colour, purple, and olde medley colour, moste comonly vsed to be made aboue and before. xx. yeares last past.

ITEM, where as diuers auncient cities, boroughes, and townes corporate within this realme of England, hath ben in times past well and substauncially inhabited, occupied, maynteyned, and vpholded, as well by reason of makinge of broad wollen clothes and karseys, as also by diuers other artificers, inhabitinge then in the sayd townes, at whiche time also the byllages and husbande townes flouryshed, and husbandrye and tyllage was well mainteined, to the great benefite of the realme, and all the people therin, forasmuch as diuers yeares paste, suche persons as do vse the feat or mistery of cloth making, not contented to liue as artificers, and with the trade wherein they haue bene brought vp, do daylye plante them selues in villages and townes, beinge no cities, boroughes, nor corporate townes, and there occupying the seate and place of a husbandman, do not onely ingrosse diuers fermes and pastures into theyr handes, displeasing the husbandman, and decaying the ploughes and tyllages, but also drawe with them out of cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, all sorte of artificers, wherby not onely diuers auncient cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, are vtterlye decayed, destroyed, and depopulated, but also husbandrye and tyllages very muche decayed, to the great hurte, damage, and preiudice of this realme, and the people therin, yf spedy remedy be not forsene. And forasmuche also as the weauers and workemen of clothiers when they haue ben traded vp in the trade of cloth making and weauinge. iij. or. iiij. yeares, do forsake theyr maysters, and do become clothiers and occupiers for thē selues, without stocke, skyll, or knowledge to the great sclaunder of the true cloth makinge, besides a greate number of inconueniences whiche do growe to the common welth of this realme therby, as dayly experience teacheth. Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliamente, that from and after the first daye of Maye next comminge, no personne or personnes whatsoeuer, shall vse or exercise the feate or misterye of makinge, weauynge, or rowinge of wollen clothes, longe or shorte, or karseyes, pynned whites, or playne streites, to thintente to put the same to sale, but onely in a market towne where cloth hath commonlye ben vsed to be made by the space of ten yeares last past, or in a citie, borough, or towne corporate, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery suche wollen cloth or karsey, made, wouen, or rowed out of such citie, borough, towne corporate or market towne, fyue poundes.

AND it is further enacted, that from and after the fyrst day of May no person whatsoeuer, shall weaue or make, or put to weauinge or makinge any wollen clothes or karseys last rehearsed, to be solde, vnles

ſuche perſon ſhall haue bene apprentice to the occupation of makinge, weauinge, and rowinge of clothe by ratleys, or haue ben exerciſed ther in by the ſpace of ſeuen yeares before, vpon payne of forfeyture of ſuche cloth, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that all and euery paynes, penalties, and forfeytures to be due by force of this ſtatute, or of the ſayd former acte being not otherwyſe appointed, ſhall be deuided equally into two partes, whereof the one ſhalbe to the quenes highnes, her heires and ſucceſſours, and thother vnto him that will ſeale (in caſes where ſealer is limited or appointed) or elles to him or them that will ſue for the ſame paynes, penalties, and forfeytures, or any of them, by action, bill, playnte, information, or otherwiſe, in anye courte of recorde, wherein no eſſoyne, protection, wager of lawe, or iniunction ſhall be admitted, allowed, or obeyed.

PROVIDED alwayes, that it ſhalbe lawfull to anye perſon, nowe vſynge or exerciſinge the feate or miſterye of makynge, weauynge, or rowinge of clothe or karſey, to inhabite and dwell where he now doth, and there to vſe the makinge, weauinge, or rowinge of cloth or karſey, as he hath done heretofore, anythinge in this acte to the contrary notwithſtandinge.

PROVIDED alſo, that it ſhall be lawfull to all and euery perſon or perſons, whiche nowe do, or hereafter ſhall inhabit or dwell in anye of the Shires of Northwales or Southwales, Cheſhyre, or Lancaſhyre, Weſtmerland, Cumberland, Northumberlande, Biſhopryke of Durham, Cornewall, Suffolke, Kent, the towne of Goddelmyne in the countye of Surrey, or yorkeſhyre, beyng not within twelue myles of the citie of yorke, or in any the townes or vyllages nere adioyninge the water of Stroude in the county of Glouceſter, where clothes hath ben vſually made by the ſpace of twenty yeares laſt paſt, and haueynge bene prentice to the occupation of clothe makinge, or exerciſed in the ſame by the ſpace of ſeuen yeares, to ſet vp, vſe, and exerciſe the feate or myſtery of makinge, weauinge, or rowinge of clothe oute of a citie, borough, or markette towne, as heretofore they myghte haue done, anye thinge in this acte to the contrary not withſtandinge.

Prouided alſo, that it ſhalbe lawfull to any perſon, nowe vſynge or exerciſinge, or that hath vſed or exerciſed the feate or myſterye of clothe makinge, the ſame to contynue, vſe, and exercyſe, althoughe he hathe not bene therevnto apprentice, or haue exerciſed the ſame by the ſpace of ſeuen yeares, anye thinge in this Acte to the contrary notwithſtanſtandinge.

Prouided alwayes & be it alſo further enacted by thauctoritie afore ſayd, that it ſhall be lawful to euery perſon and perſons, to ſell & put to ſale by retaile or otherwyſe, all & euery ſuche coloured cloth and clothes as he or they nowe haue, as freely as he or they maye lawfully ſell anye

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clothes of the collours in thys present acte allowed to be solde, vntyll the feaste of Saynt Mychaell tharchaungell next ensuyng. Thys acte or the sayd former statute, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

AN ACTE to enquyre of the behauour of frenchmen being Denizens.

The. vi. Chapter.

IN THEIR moste humble wyse, sheweth vnto your moste royall Maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and all other your moste louyng and obedient Subiectes, the commons in your moste high courte of parliament assembled, that where at a parlyament holde at Westminster, in the. xiii. yere of the reigne of king Rychard the second, it was for sondrye good considerations, ordeyned and enacted, that no alyen frenchman should haue or enioye any benefyce within thys realme, but that they shoulde be auoyded forthewith out of the same, before a certeyne time in the sayde acte limytted, as in the same acte is more playnely conteyned. And that at what howre, any prydes alyens, conuentuall or other benefice or offyce, geuen by tytle of the kyng, did voyde by laches, or deathe of the sayde pryor, and other occuppyers, that than (duryng the warres) honest persons Englyshe, should be put therin, in the place of them to accomplyshe diuyne seruyce, and none of the enemyes aforesayd. And yet notwithstandyng the sayd ordynaunce, the sayde alyens frenchmen, by euell imagination and brocage, to contynue the euyll myschyfes of the sayd ordinaūce dyd purchase letters patentes of the kynge to be denizens, and lyeges of the kynge, and so sware to continue the same, to thintent to occuppye and enioye the sayd benefices, and by that meanes dyd occuppye greate number of benefices, agaynste the sayd ordynaunce, by meanes where of the alyens french were increased, to the diminishing of the Subiects of the kynge, and the treasure of the kynge and the Realme dyd carrye oute of thys Realme, and the councell of the kynge did discouer to the enemyes of fraunce, to the great damage of the kyng and the Realme. For remedy whereof at a parliament holden at Westminster, the fyrste yeare of the reigne, of the most worthy prynce of famous memory, king Henry the fyfte, the same king considerynge the myschyfes aforesaid, by thauctoritie of the same parlyamente, wylled that the sayd ordinaūce should be saufely holden and kepte, and put in due execution, (certaine pryor aliens excepted) and that they shoulde put in suretye, not to discouer nor cause to be dyscouered, the councell nor the secretes of the

Realme. And where sythence the makynge of the sayde Actes of Parliamente, sondrye other good lawes and actes, haue benne made, aswell in the tyme of kynge Richarde the thyrde, as in the tyme of kyng Henrye the Eyghte, in whych actes, it is prouyded, ympytted, ordeyned and declared, vnder what sorte the sayde Alyens, and euerye of them shoulde vse them selfes within thys Realme.

AND where also by one acte of Parliament made at Westmynster, in the two and thyrtye yeare of the raygne of the sayde late kyng Henrye the Eyghte, it was enacted amongest other thynges conteyned in the sayde acte that al maner of Straungers borne oute of hys graces obeysaunce, whyche before that tyme were made Denyzens, or that after that shoulde be made Denyzens, from and after y fyrst daye of September then nexte commynge, shoulde be bounden and be obedyente, by, and vnto all the foresayde actes and statutes, made in the fyrste yeare of the sayde kynge Richarde the thyrd, and in the fourtene and one and twentye yeares of the sayde kynge Henrye the Eyghte, and to all the contentes of the same, and to all other actes, and statutes of thys Realme before that tyme, made or from henceforth to be made. And that also in al and euery Letters Patentes, of or for anye Denyzen from and after the laste daye of the same Parliamente, soo holden in the sayde two and thyrtye yeare, to be made to anye Straunger, not beynge borne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, there shoulde be conteyned in euerye suche Letters Patentes, a prouyso that he or they to whome suche Letters Patentes, shalbe soo made and graunted, shoulde be bounden and be obedyente by and vnto all the actes, and Statutes, of thys Realme, as is aforesayde, and to all and euerye the contentes of the same, as by the same actes more playnelye it dothe and may appeare.

Yet Sythence the makynge of the sayde seuerall Actes, a greate number and multytude of the frenche nacyon, haue aryued into thys Realme, aswell nere to the Sea syde, as elsewhere, and vnder a fayned falle and vntrue prompse or othe of alegyence, and faythe promysed to be by them borne to thys Realme, they haue of late yeares sithence the sayde two and thyrtye yeare of the Reygne of the sayde late kynge Henrye the Eyghte, by synyster and vndue meanes obteyned, dyuers and sondrye seuerall Letters Patentes, whereby they be made Denizens, and by force thereof doo enioye the lybertyes and prynueleges of thys Realme, and yet contrarye to the true meanynge of the sayde Letters Patentes, in theyr condytions and behauoures, they doo remayne frenche, and daylye from tyme to tyme do discouer the counsell, state and prinities of this Realme, and compasse, Imagyne, and procure sondrye myschyfes and damage to be done by the frenche nacyon

eyon to thys Realme, contrarye to the sayde Actes of Parlyamente, and contrarye to their sayde letters patentes, and the prouyso conteyned in the same.

FOR remedy whereof, and for the auoydyng of the imminent peryll that for want of due prouydente, may ensue to your most royal person, (whome our Lord GOD, longe preserue to reygne ouer vs) and to thys your hyghnes Realme, by the malicious and secrete practyses of the sayd Denizens, we most humblye beseech your most excellent Maiestie, to haue vigilante care and tender consyderatyon, of youre owne suretye, and preseruation of thys youre Realme, and hauynge good and sure experience of your accustomed honorable and mercyfull disposition and inclination, do also mooste humblye beseech the same, that by youre royall assente, it maye be enacted by thauctoritye of this present parlyament, that al frenchmen, and all and euery other personne and personnes, borne in any place, beyond the Seas, which at the tyme of the byrth of any such person or personnes, was vnder the frenche kinges obeysaunce, not beynge Denizens, other then suche as the kynge and Quenes highnes, or the quene onely shall specyally lycence, lymit, and appoynte to remayne within thys Realme, shall departe oute of thys Realme, and out and from the dominions and terrytories of the same, there to remayne and contynue without retorne into thys Realme, durynge the time and continuaunce of the warres, betwene the frenche kynge and oure Soueraygne Ladye the quene, or her heires or successoures. And that our Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kynge and the queene, or her hyghnes onelye, by the auctoritie of thys Acte, by their letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, shall and maye haue full power and auctoritie, from time to tyme, duryng the lyfe of the quenes hyghnes (whych almyghty GOD long prosper and contynue) after offyce founde or other due prose, of the mysdemenor of anye such Denizen, committed contrary to the lawes of this realme to repeale and make voyde all and synguler letters patentes, or almanye of them, as to her hyghnes shall seme good, made sythence the sayd two and thyrtye yeare of the Raygne of kynge Henrye theyghte, to anye alyen or straunger borne frenche, and vnder the obeysaunce of of the frenche kynge, concernynge onelye the makynge of suche alyen, or Straunger Denyzen, the same Letters Patentes of repeale, to be proclaimed and vsed in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to saye, that euery such Letters Patents of repeale, shal conteine the names & surnames of euery such alien Straunger, whose letters Patents shal soo be repealed, and shalbe solempnlye and openly redde and proclaimed in the kynge and Queenes Courte of Chauncerye, betwene the howres of nine, and a leuen, before none, one day in anye one terme to be kepte at Westmynster, and in suche and almanye termes

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and counties of this realme, as shalbe limitted, or appoynted, or other wise seme mete to the quenes maiestie, at any tyme hereafter, duryng her highnes sayd lyfe, and that al and euery such letters patentes, to be repealed in maner and forme aforesayde, from, and immediately after xxx. dayes nexte ensuyng such repeale, shall touchyng onelye the makyng of such alyen or straunger denizen, be voyde and of none effecte, and not before.

AND be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that such aliens and straungers denizens, whose patentes the queenes highnes hereafter shal fortune to allowe or confirme, or whom her highnes shal lycence to remayne and tarry in thys Realme, shalbe bounden to the kynge and Queenes maiesties, by recognisaunce, not to dyscouer nor cause to be discouered the councell nor the secreates of thys Realme, and further to be bounde and obedyente vnto and by the lawes and statutes of the same, and yf any such alyen borne frenche, and vnder the obeysaunce of the french kyng, as is aforesayde, shall refuse to knowlege any such recognisaunce, that then the sayde confirmation, allowaunce, and lycence, shalbe voyde and of none effect.

PROVIDED alwayes that yf any such alyen as is aforesayd, shal haue purchased any Manour, Landes, Tenementes, or hereditamentes, of anye estate of inherytaunce, within thys Realme, sythence the tyme that he was made denizen, or ꝑ any Manor, Landes, Tenementes, or hereditamentes within this realme, were gyuen to any such alien, of any estate of inherytaunce, by any letters patents, or in ꝑ same letters patentes, whereby he was made denizen, that the same Manor, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, after the decease of suche alien, whose letters patentes, of makyng denizen, shalbe as is aforesaid, repeled, shall and maye discende, remayne or come vnto suche his heyre or heyres, as bene borne within thys realme, and as be inheritable to the same, or to such other person or personnes, that shoulde by the lawes of thys realme haue and enioye the same, or any part thereof, yf thys acte or no such repeale had bene made in such maner and forme as thoughe no such repeale were had or made, the same repeale or any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

Prouided also that it shalbe lawefull to the Quenes maiestie, her heyres and successoures, immediatelye from and after the departure of euery such denizen, out of thys Realme, to receyue and take the cleare yerely issues, reuenues, and proffyts of al such Manours, Lands, Tenementes, Rentes, Fees, Annuityes, and Heredytamentes, whereof any such Denyzen were seased or hadde at the tyme of thys acte, or at the tyme of hys departure oute of thys Realme, as is aforesayde, for and duryng the lyfe of euerye suche Denizen, in as ample and large maner and forme, and in suche qualytye, condytyon, and degree, as

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anye ſuche denſen mighte lawfullye haue receyued and taken at the tyme of the makyng of this preſent acte, and not otherwiſe, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithſtandinge.

AN ACTE to make vp the Jury with circumſtantibus, where the kynge and Quenes maieſties or the Quenes maieſtie is a party.

The. vii. Chapter.

WHERE in the parliament holden at Weſtmin ſter the xiiii. day of January in the. xxv. yeare of the reygne of the moſt noble and victorious Prince king Henry the eyght late kynge of Englande, amongeſte other thinges it was enacted and eſtabliſhed, for the ſpedye tryall of Iſſues ioyned betwene party and par tye, in anye of the kynges courtes of recorde holden at Weſtminſter, to be tryed by the verdicte of twelue menne, before the Juſtices of aſſiſe, or *niſi prius*, that in euerye writte of *habeas corpora*, or *diſtringas*, with a *niſi prius*, deliuered of recorde to the Sheryffe or other miniſter or miniſters to whome the makynge of the retourne ſhall appartayne, where a full Jurye ſhall not appeare before the Juſtices of aſſiſe or *niſi prius*, or elles where after appearaunce of a full Jurye, by chalenge of any of the par ties, the Jurye is lyke to remayne vntaken for default of the Jurours, that then the ſame Juſtices vpon requeſt made by the partyes playn tyfe or demaundaunte, ſhall haue authoritie by vertue of the ſayd act, to comaunde the Sherif or other miniſter or miniſters, to whome the makynge of the ſayde retourne ſhall appertayne, to name and apoynte as often as nede ſhall requyre, ſo many of ſuche other hable perſones of the ſayde countye then preſent at the ſayde aſſiſes or niſi prius, as ſhall make vp a full Jurye, whiche perſones ſo to be named and enpanelled by ſuche Sherif or other miniſter or miniſters, ſhalbe added to the for mer pannell, and theyr names annexed to the ſame, as by the ſayde act more at large appeareth, whiche Statute was made to endure tyll the ende of the nexte parlyamente, and after was and is from tyme to tyme contynued, and doeth nowe remayne, ſtande, and be in effecte, whiche acte doth not extende to any Jury enpanelled, to trye an yſſue ioyned betwene the kynge and the partye, or betwene ſuche as purſue any matter for the kynge and them ſelues.

Be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed by the kynge and Quenes maieſties, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons

commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that frome and after the lyrste daye of June next cominge, the Justices of assise and *nisi prius*, before whome anye tryall shall be made, by vertue of anye wrytte of *habeas corpora*, or *distringas*, with a *nisi prius*, where a full Jurye shall not appeare, or after appearaunce of a full Jurye by chalenge the Jurye is lyke to remayne vntaken, for defaulte of Juriours, shall haue aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, vpon request made for the kynge and Quene her heyres or Successoures, by anye aucthorised therevnto, or assigned by the Justices of the Courte before whome the sayde enqueste shall be taken, or vppon requeste to be made by the partye that foloweth as well for the kynge and Queene, her heyres and Successours, as for hym selfe vppon anye penall Statute or hys or theyr Attourney, to commaunde the Sheryffe, or other minister or ministers, to whome the makynge of the sayde retourne shall appertayne, to name and appoynte, as often as nede shall require so manye of suche other hable personnes of the sayde Countye then presente at the sayde assises, or *nisi prius*, and to adde and annexe the names to the former pannell, as shall make vppe a full Jurye of twelue menne for the tryall of euerye suche Issue. And that all and euerye clause, sentence, article, and prouiso comprised in the sayde former acte, shall be taken, enterpreted, and expounded, to geue the lyke and the same aduauntage and commoditie to the kynge and Quenes maiesties, her heyres and Successoures, and all suche personne and personnes as shall pursue anye action, byll, playnte, or information for the kynge and Quenes maiesties, her heyres and Successours onelye, or for them and the partye, as the partye playntyfe in anye other action shoulde or myghte haue by vertue of the sayde Acte, in suche fourme and condition, to all intentes and purposes, as yf such actions or suites for the kynge hadde beue specially and perticulerly mentioned and declared in the sayde Acte.

AN Acte for the punishemente of suche as shall take awaye maydens that be inheritours, beynge within the age of sixtene yeares, or that marye them without the consente of theyr parentes.

The. vij. chapter.

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HERE maydens and women chyldren of noble men, gentlemen, and others, as well suche as be heyres apparaunte to theyr auncestours, as others, hauynge lefte vnto them by theyr father or other auncestre and freindes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, or other greate substaunces in goodes and catelles moueable, for and to thintente to aduaunce them in marryage somewhat lyke, accordynge to theyr degrees, and as myght be moste for their suertye and comforte, as well for theim selues, as of all other theyr freinds and kynnesfolkes, be often tymes vnwares to theyr sayd freindes or kynnesfolkes, by flattery, tryfelynge gyftes, and fayre promises of manye vnthryftye and lighte personages, and thereto by the intreatye of persones of lewde demeanoure and others, that forewardes bye and sell the sayde maydens and chyldren, secretlye allured and wonne to contracte matrimonye with the sayde vnthryftye and lyght personages, and therevpon either with slyghte or force, oftentymes be taken and conueyed awaye from theyr sayde parentes, freindes, or kynnesfolkes, to the high displeasure of almyghtye God, dispargement of the sayde chyldren, and the extreame contynuall heuynes of al theyr freindes, whiche vngodlye dealynge for lacke of wholesome lawes to the redresse thereof, remayneth a great familier and common mischefe in this oure common welth.

For remedye whereof be it enacted by the kynge and Quenes maiesties, the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons of this present parliamente assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that it shall not be lawfull to anye person or persons, to take or conuey awaye or cause to be taken or conueyed awaye any mayde or woman chylde vnmaried, beyng within the age of sixtene yeares out, of, or from the possession, custodye, or gouernaunce, and agaynst the wyll of the father of suche mayde or woman chylde, or of suche personne or personnes to whome the father of suche maide or woman chylde, by his laste wyll and testamente, or by any other acte in his life tyme hath or shall apoint assigne, bequeth, geue, or graunte the ordre, keppynge, education, or gouernaunce of suche mayde or woman chylde, excepte suche takyng and conueynge awaye as shalbe had, made, or done, by, or for suche person or personnes, as without fraude or couyn be, or then shall be the maister or mystres of suche mayde or woman chylde, or the gardeine in socage, or gardeyne in chyualrye, of or to suche mayde or woman chylde.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that yf anye person or persons aboue the age of .xiiij. yeares, shall from and after the fyrste daye of Apryll nexte commynge, vnlawfullye take or conueye or cause to be taken or conueyed any mayde or woman chylde vnmaried beyng within the age of .xvi. yeares, out, of, or from the possession, and agaynst the wyll of the father or mother of suche chylde, or oute or from the

the possession, and agaynst the wyll of suche persone or persones as then shall happen to haue by anye lawfull wayes or meanes, the order keppinge, education or gouernaunce of anye suche mayden or woman chylde, that then euery suche person & persons (so offendinge) beynge thereof lawfully attaynted, or conuicted by the order and due course of the lawes of this realme, other then suche of whom suche person taken awaye shall holde any landes or tenementes by knightes seruyce, shal haue and suffer imprisonmente of his and theyr bodies by the space of two whole yeares without bayle or mayneprice, or elles shall pay suche fine for his or theyr sayde offence, as shalbe assessed by the counsel of the Quenes highnes her heyres or successours in the Starre Chambre at Westminster.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf anye such person or persones after the sayd day, shall so take away, or cause to be taken awaye as is aforesayde, and deflower anye suche mayde or woman chylde as is aforesayde, or shall agaynste the wyll, or vnknowinge of or to the father of any suche mayde or woman chylde, yf the father be in life, or agaynste the wyll, or vnknowinge of or the mother of any suche mayde or woman childe (hauinge the custodye and gouernaunce of suche chylde, yf the father be deade) by secrete letters, messages, or otherwise, contracte matrimony with any such mayden or woman chylde, except suche contractes of matrimonie as shall be made by the consente of suche person or personnes as by the title of wardshippe shall then haue, or be intituled to haue the mariage of suche mayde or woman chylde, that then euerye suche person or persons so offendyng, beynge thereof lawfully conuicted as is aforesaid, shal suffer imprisonmente of his or theyr bodies by the space of fyue yeares, without bayle or mayneprice, or elles shall paye suche fyne for his or theyr sayd offence as shalbe assessed by the sayd counsel in the said starre Chambre. The one moytye of all whiche fynes shall be to the kynge and Quenes maiesties, her heyres and Successoures, the other moytye to the parties greued.

And be it further enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the kynge and Quenes highnes honourable Councell of the Starre Chamber by byll of complaynte, or information, and Justices of assise by inquisition or indictemente, shall haue auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to heare and determine the sayde offences, vpon euerye whiche indictementes and inquisitions suche processe shalbe awarded and lye, as vpon an indictement of trespace at the comon lawe.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any woman chylde or mayden, beynge aboue the age of twelue yeares, and vnder the age of sixtene yeares, do at any time consent or agree to such personne that so shall make any contracte of matrimonye, contrarye to

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the forme and effecte of this estatute, that then the next of the kynne of the same woman chyld or mayde, to whom thinheritaunce should discende, retorne, or come after the decease of the same woman chylde and mayde, shall from the tyme of such assent and agrement, haue, holde, & enioye al such lādes, tenemēts, and hereditaments, as the same womā chylde and mayden, hadde in possession, reuertion, or remaynder, at the tyme of such assent and agrement, durynge the lyfe of such person that shall so contracte matrimony. And after the decease of suche person soo contractynge matrimony, that then the sayd landes, tenementes, and heredytamentes, shall discend, reuert, remayne, and come to such persō or persons as they shoulde haue done in case thys acte had neuer byn had ne made, other then to him onely that so shal contracte matrimony.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted, that this act nor any thing therin conteyned, shall extende to take awaye or diminyshe any lybertye, custome, or aucthoritie touchynge or concernyng anye Orphāt or Orphantes, whyche nowe be, or hereafter shalbe within the Citye of London, or any other citie, borough, or towne, where Orphantes are commonlye vsed to be prouyded for, either by graunte, or by custome, but that the lorde Maire of the said citie of London, and the aldermen of the same for the time being, and al and euery other heade officer or officers, of anye other citie, borough, or towne, wher such Orphantes be prouyded for, shall and maye haue and take like rule, order, keppynge and charge of such orphant and orphantes, and of all their landes, tenementes, goodes, and cattels, as heretofore they or any of them lawfullye had or vsed, or lawfully might haue had and vsed, yf this act had not bene made.

AN ACTE for the continuation of certayns Statutes.

The. ix. Chapter.

WHERE IN THE PARLIAMENT BEgon and holden at London, the thyrd day of Nouēber, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dreade Soueraygne lord of most famous memory, kyng Henrye the eight, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden & continued by diuers prorogations, vnto the dissolution therof, one acte was made and established for the restraint of carryage & conueying of horses and mares out of this realme. And also one other act was ther made for the true winding of wolles. And one other act was there made to restraine kylling of wainlinges, bullockes, Stiers, & heyfers, being vnder the age of two yeres, which said seueral actes were thē made to endure & continue vnto the nexte parliamente, as by the saide seuerall actes, more playnelye appeareth.

And where also in the same Parliamente one other acte was made and established for attayntes, to be sued for the punishment of periurye vpon vntrue verdictes, which acte last before rehearsed, was then made and ordeyned to continue and endure to the laste day of the next parliamente, as by the same acte more playnely at large is shewed and maye appeare.

AND where also in the parlyament begonne and holden at Westmynster the eyghte daye of June, in the eyght and twēty yeare of the reygne of oure sayde most dreade Soueraygne Lorde, kynge Henrye the eight, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof. It was ordeyned and enacted, that all and synguler the sayde actes aboue remembred, and euerye of them, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kepte vntyl the laste daye of the nexte parliament, as by the same acte amongest other thinges therein conteyned, more playnelye appeareth. And where also in the Parliamente begonne and holden at Westmynster, the eyght and twentye daye of Apryll, in the one and thyrtye yeare of the reygne of oure sayde late mooste dreade Soueraygne Lorde, kynge Henrye the eyght, and there continued vntyll the eyght and twentye day of June then nexte folowynge, it was ordeyned and enacted by thaucthoritie of the same parlyamente, that all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and al clauses, artycles, and prouysions in them, and euerye of them conteyned, shoulde contynue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntill the laste daye of the nexte Parlyamente, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges therein conteyned, more playnelye appeareth.

AND where in the Parlyamente holden at Westmynster, in the fiue and thyrty yeare of the Reygne of oure sayd late Soueraygne Lord, kynge Henrye the Eyghte, one acte was made for the preseruation of woodes, to endure for seuen yeares then nexte folowynge, and from thence to thende of the nexte Parlyamente, as by the same acte more playnelye it dothe and maye appeare. And where also at the Parlyamente holden at Westmynster, in the seuen and thyrtye yeare of the raygne of the sayde late kynge Henry the eyghte, and there continued and kepte vntyll the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted that all and singuler the sayde actes aboue mentioned, and euerye of them (excepte the sayde acte made for the preseruation of woodes, as is aforesayde) shoulde contynue and endure in their force and strengthe, and also be obserued and kepte vntyll the laste daye of the nexte Parlyamente, then nexte folowynge, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges therein conteyned, more playnelye appeareth.

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westminster the.xiiij.daye of Marche, in the thyrd yeare of the raygne of oure late Soueraigne Lorde kynge Edwarde the Sixte, one acte was made for the true courryinge of leather, which acte was made to endure to the ende of the nexte parliamente, as by the same acte more playnelye appeareth.

And where also at the Session of a parliament ended at westminster the fyrste daye of Februarye, in the fourth yeare of the raigne of our sayde late Soueraigne Lorde kynge Edwarde the Sixte, one Acte was then and there made concerninge the buyinge of rother beastes. And also one other acte was then and there made, touchinge the buyinge and sellynge of butter and cheese, whiche sayde seuerall actes were then and there made to endure and contynue vnto the ende of the nexte parlyamente, as by the same seuerall actes more at large it doeth and maye appeare.

And where also at the Session of a parliamente by prorogation holden at westminster the. xxiij. daye of Januarye in the fyrste yeare of the raygne of our sayd late Soueraygne Lord kyng Edwarde the Syxte, one other acte was then and there made, agaynste regratours and forestallers, to endure vnto the ende of the nexte parliamente, whiche all and synguler the sayde actes aboue mentioned together, with the sayde acte for preseruation of woodes, at a parliamente holden at westminster the fyrste daye of Marche, in the seuenth yeare of the raygne of oure sayde Soueraygne Lorde kynge Edwarde the Sixte, and there continued and dissolued the laste day of the same moneth of Marche, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in theim, and euerye of them conteyned, were there reuiued and continued, to stand in theyr force and strengthe vntyll the laste daye of the nexte parliamente.

And where also at the Session of a parlyament holden by prorogation at westminster the.xxiij. daye of October, in the fyrste yeare of the raigne of oure mooste gratious Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes maiestie, and there continued and kepte vntyll the dissolution thereof, one acte was there made and establyshed, agaynste vnlawfull and rebellious assembles, to endure to the ende of the nexte parliamente, as by the same acte more playnelye doth and maye appeare.

And where also at the same Session of parliament last before mentioned, all and singuler the actes aboue mentioned, and before that tyme continued at sondry parliamentes, as is aforesayde, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in theim and euerye of theim conteyned, were there reuiued and continued to stande in their force and strength vnto the last day of the next parliament.

And where also at a parliament begon and holden at westminster

the.xij.daye of November, in the fyrste and seconde yeares of the reignes of oure moost gratious Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye the kyng and Quenes maiesties, and there contynued and kepte vnto the dissolution of the same, beynge the sixtenth daye of Januarye then nexte ensuynge, one acte was then and there made agaynste seditious wordes and rumours, to endure to the ende of the nexte parliamente, as by the same acte moore playnelye it doeth and maye appeare. And where also in the sayde Parliamente laste before recited, all and singuler the Actes aboue mentioned that were before that tyme continued at sondrye parliamentes as is aforesayde, and all clauses articles and prouisions in them and euerye of them conteined, were by auctoritie of the sayde parliamente, there reuiued and continued to stande in theyr force and strengthe, vnto the laste daye of the nexte Parliamente.

AND where at a parliamente begonne and holden at Westminster the one and twentye daye of October, in the seconde and thyrde yeares of the reygnes of our aforesayde Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye the kynge and Quenes maiesties, and there continued vnyll the dissolution of the same, beynge the nynth daye of December then next ensuynge, one Acte was then and there made for the keppynge of milche kyne, and for the breadynge and rearinge of calues. And one other Acte for the reedifyinge of decayed houses of husbandrye, and for the encrease of Tyllage, the sayde three seuerall actes to endure vntyl the last day of the next parliament. Forasmuche as all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes aboue mentioned be good and beneficiall for the comon wealth of this realme.

BE IT therefore enacted, ordeyned, and stablyshed by the kyng and Quenes maiesties, oure Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes and statutes aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and euerye of theim, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, shall be reuiued, continued, stande, and endure in theyr full force and strength, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, and shall be obserued and kepte in all thinges vntyll the laste daye of the nexte parliamente.

PROVIDED alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that this presente acte of continuaunce of statutes, or any thinge therin conteyned, shall not in any wyse extende, to repeale or make voyde one acte of parliamente, entituled, an acte for the sale of dyuers wynes and spyces broughte in by marchauntes, made and ordeyned in this presente parliamente, nor any clause, article, or matter therein conteyned, but that the same Acte, and euerye thynge therein conteyned shall be of as good strengthe, force, and effecte, to all intentes,

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and purpoſes as if thys acte of continuaunce of ſtatutes, had not bene had nor made, any thynge herein conteyned to the contrarye in anye wyſe notwithſtandynge.

AND where in the parliamente begonne and holden at Weſtmynſter the.xxi. day of October, in the ſecond & third yeares of the reignes of our ſayde Soueraygne lord and lady, kyng Philippe and Queene Mary, and there continued and kept vntyll the.ix. daye of December, then next enſuynge, one acte was then and there made, entytuled, an acte for the releiſe of the poore, the ſayd acte to endure to the latter ende of the fyrſt ſeſſion of the next Parliament. Foraſmuch as the ſayd acte is good and beneficiall for the comen welth of this realme, be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed, by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſayde acte, lacke aboue mentioned and rehearſed, and all clauſes, articles, and prouiſions in the ſame conteyned, ſhalbe reuyued, contynued, ſtande and endure, in full force and ſtrength, to all intentes and purpoſes, and ſhalbe obſerued and kept, in all thynges, vntyll the laſt day of the next parlyament.

AN ACTE for the confirmation of the Subſedy of the clergye.

The.x. Chapter.

WHERE THE PRELATES and Clergy of the prouynce of Canterburye, haue moſt louyngly and lyberally for certayne conſiderations, geuen and graũted to the kyng and quenes Maieſties, a Subſedye of eyghte ſhyllynges of the pounde, to be taken and leuied of all and ſynguler the Spiritual promocions, within the ſame prouynce, durynge the tearme of foure yeares now next enſuinge, in ſuche certayne maner and forme, and with diuers exceptions and prouiſyons ſperyfyed and conteyned in a certayne inſtrument, by them thereof made and delyuered to the queenes hyghnes, vnder the Seale of the moſt reuerend father in God, Reginald Poole Cardinal Archbyſhoppe of Canterburye, and prymate of al Englande, as in the ſame inſtrument exhibyted in thys preſent parliament, more playnelye doth appeare, the tenor whereof enſueth in theſe wordes.

The Prelates and clergye of the prouynce of Canterburye, beynge lawefullye congregated and aſſembled in a conuocation or Synode vpon greate and weyghtye cauſes to them purpoſed, and amongeſt themwell wayed and debated, conſideryng their moſte bounden dueteys to the kynge and quenes Maieſtyes, the great and ample benefytes they haue receyued of their munificency and bountyfull goodnes, for an euident declaration of their good hartes and myndes, ſpe-

rially nowe whē the imminent neceſſitie for the defence of the Realme requyreth preſente ayde and remedye, with one vnyforme agreament, accorde, and conſent together, with mooſte hartye good wyll, haue gyuen and graunted, and by theſe preſentes, doo geue and graunte to the kynge and Queenes Maieſtyes, one entyre Subſedye, in manner and forme folowynge. That is to ſaye, that euerye Archebyſhoppe, Biſhoppe, Abbotte, Pryor, Abbateſſe, or Pryoreſſe, Deane, Archedeacon, Prebendarye, Prouoſt, mayſter of Colledge, mayſter of Hoſpytalles, parſon and Vycare, and euerye other perſon and perſons, of whatſoeuer name or degree he or they be, enioynge anye Spyrytuall promocyon or other temporall poſſeſſyons, to the ſame Spyrytuall promotions annexed, nowe not deuyded nor ſeperated by Acte of Parlyamente or otherwyſe, from the poſſeſſyon of the Cleargye, ſhall paye vnto the kynge and Queenes Maieſtyes, for euerye pounde that he or they maye yearelye dyſpende by reaſonne of the ſayde Spyrytuall promotion, the ſumme of Eyghte ſhyllynges. And for the true and certayne knoweledge of the yearelye vallewe of the ſayde promotyons, and euerye of them, whereof payment ſhalbe made, the rate, taxation, valuation, and eſtymation, remaynynge of Recorde, in the kynge and quenees Maieſtyes late courte of the fyrſte Frutes and Tenthes, and nowe in their Courte of the Eſchequer, for the paymente of the Diſme of the Cleargye, concernynge all ſuche promotions, as be in poſſeſſyon of the cleargye, or anye other, not deuyded by acte of Parlyamente, or otherwyſe as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe folowed and obſerued without makynge anye other valuatyon, rate, taxation, or eſtymation, then in the ſayde Recorde is compryſed and mentioned.

AND where by the great bountye and godly diſpoſition of the kyng and Queenes Maieſties, certayne relygyous houſes, haue bēne of late erected and endowed with Spyrituall and Temporall poſſeſſyons, the tare whereof is not ſpecyfied in the Recordes of the Eſcheker, or elſe where within anye of their Maieſties Courtes, ſuche tare and valuation of the poſſeſſyons of the ſayde Relygyous houſes, ſhalbe folowed for the paymente of thys Subſedye, as the Byſhoppe of that diocelle within the whyche the ſayde relygyons houſes be ſcituated, ſhall vpon dewe ſearche and examination, certifye vnder hys Seale, into the Exchequer before the fyrſte daye of Maye nexte enſuyng, in whiche tare the ſaide Byſhoppe ſhall and maye make all ſuche allowaunces as by the acte of Parliamente, made in the xxv. and xxvi. yeare of the late kynge of famous memorye Henrye the eight, afand for the grauntynge of the perpetuall Tenthe, were appointed, graunted, and aſſigned in the valuation and tare of all Eccleſiaſticall and Spirituall promocions, for the due and true paymente of the late perpetuall

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tenthe, and also shall and maye further allowe all suche Summes of monye, as are geuen, assygned, or appoynted to the fyndyng and maintenaunce of poore menne, Scoole maysters, vshers, gramaryens, choristers and other offycers and mynysters, seruynge and founde within the sayde Monasteryes, and religyous houses.

PROVIDED alwayes that forasmuche as the tenthe parte of the sayde valuation and taxe afore mentyoned, shalbe for a tyme vpon certayne reasonable consyderations and respectes yearelye payde by the Cleargye, soo that there remayneth onelye nyne partes to the incumbente cleare, thys Subsedye of Eyghte shyllynges of the pounde, shalbe vnderstande and mente onelye of the sayde nyne partes, and of no more, where and soo longe as the Tenthe is or shalbe payde.

Also the sayde Prelates and Cleargye further doo graunte, that thys Subsedye of eyghte shyllynges of the pounde, of the yearelye value of euerye promocion, taxed as is aforesayde, shalbe payde to the kynge and Quenes Maiestyes, within foure yeares nexte ensuynge the date hereof, That is to saye, two shyllinges of euery pounde, in euerye of the sayde foure yeares.

The fyrst paymente thereof to be due at the fyue and twentye daye of Marche, whyche shalbe in the yeare of oure Lorde GOD, a thousande fyue hundrede fyftye and eyghte, and the Seconde paymente thereof to be due, at the fyue and twenty daye of Marche, then nexte folowynge, whyche shalbe in the yeare of oure Lorde GOD, a thousande fyue hundred fyftye and nyne.

The thyrde paymente thereof to be dewe the fyue and twentye daye of Marche, then nexte folowynge, whyche shalbe in the yeare of oure Lorde GOD, a thousande fyue hundred and fyftye.

And the fourthe and laste paymente thereof to be due at the sayde fyue and twentye daye of Marche then nexte ensuynge, whyche shalbe in the yeare of oure Lorde GOD, a thousande fyue hundred fyftye and one, to be delyuered and payde yearelye, by suche personne and personnes as in thys presente graunte shalbe appoynted, to haue the collection thereof, to be payde into the receypte of the kynge and Quenes Maiestyes Eschequer, or to suche personne or personnes, place and places, to whome and where it shall pleale theyr hyghnes to appoynte for the receypte thereof, before or at the Tenthe daye of June, in euerye of the sayde foure yeares, without payinge any thing to the receyuer or receyuours, or to anye other offycer or personne by theyr Maiestyes to be assygned, for anye dyscharge, acquyttaunce, or [illegible], vpon paymente and receypte of the same Subsedye, to be geuen and delyuered, but onelye twelue pence for the acquyttaunce.

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ITEM the sayd prelates and clergye, doo also graunte that euerye preist and all other spirituall persons, hauyng a pencion by reason of ỹ dissolution of any the late monasteryes, colledges, free chappeles, chaū teryes, fraternities, guyldes, and hospytalls, or of anye other spirituall dignitie, and corporation nowe dissolued, and extinguished within the sayd prouynce of Canterburye, shal lykewyse paye to their highnesse eyght shyllynges of euery pounde of the sayd pencyons, within the said foure yeares, at such dayes and tymes, as is before specified, and that for the sure and assertayned payment thereof, deduction and retention of the sayde eyght shyllynges, shalbe made yerely in the handes of the payers of the sayd pencion, after the rate of two shillynges of the pound, euery of the sayd foure yeares, to be delyuered and payde vnto their maiesties vse, at such tyme and to such persones as the Subsedy of eyght shyllynges of the pound aforesayd, shalbe payd vnto.

ITEM that euery stypendarye preist, receyuyng annuall stipende of eyght pounde by the yeare, and vnder, (beinge no perpetuitie) within the sayde prouince, shall paye vnto their Maiesties vse syxe shyllynges eyght pence yearely, during the sayd foure yeares, at such tyme and to such persones as the saide Subsedy shalbe payde, and vnder the same penaltyes as the rest of the clergie doo paye for their promotions. And that euery preist receyuyng aboue eight pounde yearely and not aboue ten pounde, to pay lykewyse tenne shyllynges. And that euerye preyste receyuynge aboue tenne pounde, and not aboue twentye marckes, to paye thyrtene shyllynges foure pence yerelye, duryng the sayde foure yeares, at suche tyme and to suche persones as the sayde Subsedye shalbe payde. And that euery preiste takynge stypende aboue twentye marckes, to paye lykewise two shyllynges of the pounde, euerye yeare duringe the sayde foure yeares, in such maner and forme as the reste of the clergye doo paye for their promotion spirituall, and for defaulte or lacke of payment by the saide stipendaryes, that euery person, vycarre or other spirituall or temporall person, proprietarye, or fermour, hiring anye preist to serue in anye place, shalbe answerable for the paiment of the saide preyste in that behalfe, after the saide rates, and shal and may make retencion of his and their wages quarterly, of soo muche as the sayde stipendaries be charged with, by this presente commission and graunte euerye of the sayde foure yeares.

ITEM the sayde prelates and clergye, further doo graunt that euery Archebyshoppe and Byshoppe, and the Sea beinge vacante, euerye Deane and Chapter of that Ses voyde, shalbe Collectoures of thys Subsedye, within their proper Dyocesse, duryng the sayde foure yeares.

AND to thintente the kynge and quenes Maiesties maye be surely and duelie answered and payde of the sayde Subsedie, in maner and fourme aforesayde, and the Collectoure of the same throughlye charged

ged and discharged accordinge to the tenour of this graunte.

The sayde prelates and Clergie do ordeyne and decree with one assente and consente, that euerye Collectoure of the aforesayde Subsidye, and of euerye parte and percell thereof, and theyr lawfull deputye or deputies, shall haue full power and authoritie agaynste euerye personne and personnes lyable, charged and bounde to paye the sayde Subsidye or anye parte thereof, denyinge, refusinge, or delayinge to paye the same, or makynge anye defaulte in the paymente thereof, at the daye or dayes that it oughte to be payde (after lawfull warnynge to them geuen personallye, or at theyr Churches or mansions) to procede with the censures of the Churche, that is to saye, by suspention, excommunication, or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fruictes and profits of theyr benefices or promotions spyrytuall, in whose handes soeuer they be, and to make sale of the same fruictes, and by all other lawfull remedyes by theyr discretions thoughte conuenient, to coarcte, constrayne, and compell them and euerye of them, to the full and vndelayde satisfaction of the sayde Subsidye, and euerye parte and percell thereof, and shal also haue lyke power and authoritie, both to absolue or cause to be absolued all personnes so payinge, from al the sayde censures and other paynes, and also to releale and reuoke al such procelle as shall be made agaynste them, or any of them, after they shall haue fullye satisfyed the sayde Subsidye accordingelye. And vpon full paymente or satisfaction of the sayde Subsidye or anye parte thereof, all such acquittaunce or acquittaunces, whiche shall be made by the collectour or his lawfull deputie, shall be sufficiente for the discharge of the same.

PROVIDED alwayes, and it is ordeyned and decreed, that all and euery personne and personnes, refusinge or neglecting to paye the said Subsidye at tyme conuenient, as is aforesayde, shall for his or theyr syluste defaulte or negligence in not payinge the Subsidye, accordynge to the purporte and tenoure of this graunte, beare all the charges and reasonable expences of the sayd Collectoure or his deputye, in comminge, goynge, and demaundinge of the same, and for the seconde tyme lykewyse offendynge in nonepaymente, to paye to the sayde Collectoure, or his deputye the fourthe parte of the sayde Subsidye, ouer and aboue the sayde summe vpon him or his churche or personne allotted and taxed, whiche he is bounde to paye, and charged by this acte of free graunte.

Also the sayde prelates and clergye do further ordeyne and decree, that yf anye personne or personnes aboue named, chargeable to this Subsidye, or anye parte thereof, after the sayde censures and procelle executed agaynst him or them, yet styll obstinately refuse, neglecte, or make delaye to paye the same, or anye parte thereof as is beforesayde,

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that then after lawfull monition geuen vnto him or them, refusinge, neglectinge, or delayinge by the sayde Collectours, or theyr lawfull deputie or deputies, personallye, or at theyr Churches, doo styll by the space of thyrtye dayes refuse, or neglecte to make payment of the sayde Subsidye, that then, and in euerye suche case, it shall be lawfull to the sayde collectoure or his lawfull deputie, euerye suche personne so refusinge, neglectinge, or delayinge and contempning these former processes, to depriue, amoue, and destitute from his or their benefice, spyrytuall promotion, or pention Ecclesiasticall, anye appellation, inhibition, or other remedy, ordinary or extraordinary notwithstanding: the said personnes so refusinge, to be and remayne for euer without hope of regresse to suche theyr promotion as he or they shalbe depriued of, for the causes aforesayde, by anye new presentation of him or them to be made to the same. And that it shall be lawfull to the patrone of the sayde benefice or benefices, or other Ecclesiasticall promotions, frome whiche the sayde personne or personnes so neglectinge to paye shall be depryued, to presente vnto, or conferre euerye suche benefice or promotion Spirituall, as yf the sayde Incumbente or Incumbentes were deceased.

ITEM the sayde prelates and clergye further do ordeyne and decree, that of so muche as the sayde Collectours shalbe charged with in their accoumptes, clearelye to be payde into the receypte of the sayde Eschequer, or to suche personne or personnes as it shall please the kynge and Quenes maiesties to appointe for the receypte of the same, shall be allowed to the sayde collectoure vpon his sayde accoumpte for the same, for euerye pounde sixe pence, by waye of rewarde, or in lieue of his charges, collection, portage, conueying, and payinge of the sayd Subsidye.

PROVIDED alwayes that no Spyrytual promotion, or any landes, possessions, or reuenues annexed to the same, beynge charged by thys graunte or acte of the prouince of Canterburye, or anye goodes or catelles growinge, beynge, or renewynge of the same, or appartayninge to the owners of the same Spirituall promotions, shall be charged or made contributorye to anye, xb. or anye other Subsidye all readye graunted, or within fyue yeares nexte ensuinge the date of this present to be graunted by the laitye to the kynge and quenes highnesses.

ITEM, the sayde prelates and clergye further graunte, that all Deanes, Archedeacons, Dignities, Prebendaries, preachers, and petye Canons, of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches within the sayde prouynce, shall be charged with this Subsidye for theyr owne portions onelye, therof to paye syghte shyllynges of the pounde, within the sayde foure yeares, as is aboue rehearsed, and that those portions of rentes and reuenues whiche theyr highnes, or any of theyr most

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noble progenitoures, or any other persons, haue giuen vnto the sayde cathedrall or Collegiate Churches, for the mayntenaunce of pore men, Scoole maysters, vshers, gramariens, choristers, and other officers and mynysters, not to be charged with anye parte of thys Subsedye.

Prouyded also that euery parson, vicar, or spirituall man, paying any pencion whereof no allowaunce is made in the valuation of hys sayde benefice, in the recordes of the sayde late Courte of fyrste frutes, or Eschequer, or otherwyse, shal and maye retayne two shyllynges of euerye pounde, of euerye suche pencion, euery yeare durynge the sayde foure yeares, to his owne releyse, in consideration that he is charged to paye hys Subsedye of eyght shyllynges of the pounde, out of euery pounde of the sayde pention. Any thinge to the contrary notwithstandynge.

Prouyded also that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, pencyons, porcions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, lately belongynge to diuerse cathedrall churches, and other places ecclesiasticall, within the sayde prouynce of Canterburye, or anye other yearelye paymentes, goyng out or beyng paid oute of the sayde Landes, Tenementes, and other the premisses, or anye of them, whiche were geuen and allygned to be bestowed, and spente to and vpon the fyndyng and maintenaunce of certaine chauntryes, anniuersaryes, obyttes, lightes, lampes, and other lyke thyngs, intentes, and purposes, be of late come into the handes and possession of the kynge and Quenes Maiestyes, our Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, by force of a statute therof made in the fyrst yeare of the reygne of our late Soueraigne lord kyng Edwarde the syxte, as by the same Statute more plainelye appearethe. That the sayde cathedrall churches and the deanes or presydentes, and chapters of the same, and all other places and persones to whome the sayde landes, rentes, and all other the premisses or anye of them did lately apperteyne, shal not be charged to and with anye contributyon or payment of thys Subsedy, of and for that parte or portion whereunto the kynge and queenes maiesties, be and hath bene entituled or possessed of, nor of, and for anye the sayde yearelye paymentes, goinge oute or payde oute of the premisses, or any parte thereof. But that thys sayde Subsedye shalbe vnderstande to be chargeable and dewe onely of all and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, pencions, portyons, frutes, and other hereditamentes, which do yet styll remayne, not disseuered from the handes and possession of the saide cathedrall churches, and other the places and persones aforesayd. And that deduction and allowaunce be made to them and euerye of them, in the paiment of the sayde Subsedye, out of the valuation, taxation, and estymation, made for the payment of the sayde Dysme, remayninge of recorde, in the kyng and quenes maiesties court of the Escheker, for that

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rate and portion or yearelye paymente which is come into the handes and possession of our sayd Soueraygne lord and lady, or otherwise seuered from the possessions of the sayde cathedrall churches, and other places and parsons aforesayd, by force of the Statute premysed.

PROVIDED also that euerye parson and vicar, whose benefyce is aboue the valuation of fyue poundes, and not aboue sixe pound thirtene shillinges and foure pence, after the rate of the late perpetual tēth, shall paye euerye yeare of the sayd foure yeares onely, Sixe shillinges eyght pence, as Stipendary preistes of eyghte pounde yearely wages benne charged to do by force of thys acte, and graunt, and none otherwyse. And that al parsons and vycars, whose benefices be of the valuation of fyue pound or vnder, after the rate of the sayde late perpetuall Tenthe, shall not be charged nor chargeable with thys Subsedye, or anye parte thereof.

Prouyded alwayes that this Subsedye graunted by the clergy shall not be demaunded or leuyed oute of anye benefice, house of studentes, or colledge, scituate or set within the vniuersities of Oxforde & Cambridge, or of anye benefice, or other reuenues, vnto anye house of Studentes, or colledge in Oxforde or Cambrydge, vnited, appropried, or appertayninge, or of the colledge of Eaton, nigh Windesour, or of the Colledge of Wincheſter, founded by Wyllyam Wyckeham, some tyme Bysshoppe of Wincheſter, or any pore men, women or chyldren liuynge of almesse, in any Hospitalles, almesse houses, almesse halles, or of gramer scooles, or of anye other churche or benefice, or of any other reuenues of the sayde houses, Colleges, or hospitalles, almesse houses, or almesse halles, or gramer scooles, or to any of them annexed, appropried or otherwyse appertayning.

Prouyded also that euery preyst and all other late professed religious parsons, hauyng a pention by reson of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappells, Chauntryes, Fraternytyes, Guyldes, and Hospytalls, or anye other incorporation, within the prouynce of Canterburye, and beynge of the summe of fortye shyllynges or vnder, and not aboue, shal not be charged or chargeable to the sayde Subsedye or anye parte thereof, for anye such pencion of fourtye shyllynges or vnder. Anye thynge conteyned in this graunt to the contrarye notwithstandyng.

Fynallye the sayde Prelates and Cleargye, beynge desyrous that the sayde Subsedye maye be entierlye contented and payde to thuse of the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, within the sayde foure yeares, do graunt, ordeyne, and decree, that yf it shal happen in thende of the sayde foure yeares, anye arrerages of the sayde Subsedye to be behynde vnpayde by reason of the exilitie, and decaye of anye benefyces, or other spirituall promotions, lyable to thys Subsedye, That then it

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shalbe lawefull to euerye Archebyshoppe and Byshoppe, within their seuerall Dioceſſe, by the consent of his cleargye, and the Sea beynge voyde, to the Deane and Chapter of that Sea voyde, to alleſſe & taxe all and singuler the eccleſiasticall promocions, within their sayde seuerall Dioceſſe, to become contributors to the full satisfaction of the sayd Subsedye, the same to be collected, leuyed and payde the nexte yeare immediatelye ensuynge the sayde forth yeare, at the dayes and vnder the paynes, forme, & qualities aboue limitted. Anything in this graunt to the contrarye notwithstandyng.

AND for the true and sure payment of thys Subsedye, graunted by the sayde Prelates and Clergye of the prouynce of Canterburye, accordynge to the tenor, purporte, effecte, and true meaninge of this present instrument. The sayde Prelates and Cleargye mooste humblye desire and requyre the kynge and Queenes mooste excellente Maieſties, that it maye be enacted by auctoritie of this preſente Parlyamente, that the prouysyons conteyned in the forsayde graunte, shall stande good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, mentioned in the sayde graunte. And that all processes and penalties, and all other clauses, touchynge the payment of the sayde Subsedye, and the leuynge and collection of the same, and of euerye percell thereof, may be by the sayde Prelates and Cleargye, and their lawefull deputies, put in due execution accordynge to the true meanynge thereof, without incurrynge anye penaltyes or daungers of anye lawes and statutes of thys Realme.

AND for the true and sure paymente of the sayd Subsedye, graunted by the said prelates and cleargy, of the sayd prouynce of Canterbury, accordyng to the tenor, effect, and true meanyng of the said instrumente. Be it enacted by the kynge and Quenes Maieſties, with thaſſente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys preſent parlyamente assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that the sayde gifte and graunt, and euery matter, summe of mony, prouiſion, clause, and sentence in the sayde instrument conteined be ratified, eſtablyſhed, and confirmed by thauctoritie aforesayd.

AND furthermore be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that euerye perſonne that shalbe appoynted to the collection and gatherynge of the sayde Subsedye, shall haue full power and auctoritie to leuye take and perceyue the same Subsedye, by thauctoritie of the censures of the churche, in maner and forme as in the sayde instrument of graunt is conteyned, without daunger of the lawes of this realme or by diſtreſſe vpon the poſſeſſion of the fermours or occuppyers of the landes, and tenementes, chargeable by the sayd instrumente, for or to the paymente of any summe or summes of monye, or otherwyſe by the diſcretion of the collector thereof. And that no repleuye, prohibition, or

superſedias ſhalbe allowed, or obeyed for any perſon or perſones, makyng defaulte of payment of the ſayd Subſedy, contrary to the tenor of the grauntes thereof, vntyll ſuche tyme as they haue truely ſatyſfyed and contented all ſuche parte and porcions, as to thē in that behalfe apperteyneth. And that euerye ſuche fermoure and fermoures, theyr executours and aſſignes, that ſhall fortune hereafter, to be charged to and with the paymente of the ſayd Subſedy, or anye parte therof, ſhal by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, be allowed and retayne in his handes, as muche of his yerelye rente and ferme, as the ſumme which he ſhall fortune to paye for his Lorde or Leſſor ſhall extende vnto, except the ſaid fermor or fermours, their executors and aſſignes, by the leaſe & graūte that they haue of anye parte of the landes, and tenementes, chargeable to thys ſaide Subſedye, or by force of anye couenaunte or artycle, therein conteyned, be bounden and charged to paye the ſame, and ther of to diſcharge their leaſſor and landlord, durynge the terme mentoned in the ſayd leaſſe.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by thaucthoritie of thys preſent parliament, that euery laye perſon hauyng a ſpirituall promotion chargeable by this acte, and alſo hauynge temporall poſſeſſions, goodes, cattells, and debtes, chargeable to this Subſedye graunted by the temporaltye, ſhalbe charged, taxed, and ſet for hys ſayd ſpirituall promocions with the cleargy, and for his ſaid temporall poſſeſſions, & cattells, with the temporaltye, and not other wyſe, anye thinge before mentioned to the contrary not withſtandyng.

And be it further enacted, by thauctho[r]itie of thys preſent parlyament, that the ſayd archebyſhoppes, and Biſhoppes, and other perſonnes chargeable to and with the collection of the ſayd Subſedye of eyghte ſhyllynges of the poūde, within the ſayd prouynce of Canterburye, ſhall haue vppon euery payment therof made in the Queenes courte of the eſcheker, or elſe where the kyng and quenes Maieſtyes ſhall appoynte the ſame to be payed, a ſufficiente acquittaunce in wrytynge, of ſuche perſon or perſones, as their Maieſties ſhall appoynt for the receipte therof, the ſame acquittaunce witneſſing the ſame receipt, of as much of the ſame ſumme of the ſame Subſedy, as ſhall be by any of them ſo receiued, and euery ſuch acquittaunce, in wrytyng, ſealed, and Subcribed with the name or names of euery ſuch perſon or perſones, that ſo by their highneſſes appoyntment ſhall receyue anye of the ſayd Summes of monye, ſhalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, and alſo a ſufficiente diſcharge, to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as if it were made by acte of Parlyamente. And that euerye perſonne and perſonnes, which ſhal haue and receaue anye ſuche acquytaunce, ſhall paye but onelye two pence, for euerye of the ſame acquyttaunces.

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BE IT also further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euerye graunt and grauntes of all and euery Summe and Summes of moneye whiche hereafter shall be graunted to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties by the cleargye of the prouince of yorke, shall be of the same strengthe, force, and effecte. in all thinges as the sayde graunte made by the sayde prouince of Canterburye, and shall be taxed, certified, collected, leuied, and gathered accordinge to the tenoure, fourme, and effecte of this presente acte of parliamente, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in such maner as thoughe it were specially, plainlye, and perticulerlye expressed and rehearsed in this acte by expresse wordes, tearmes, and sentences in theyr seuerall natures and kyndes.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all prouisos before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayde graunte of the prelates and cleargy of the prouynce of Canterburye, and the lyke or the same prouisions hereafter to be conteyned in the graunte of the prelates and cleargye of the prouince of yorke, shall be good and effectuall, and to be obserued and kepte in euerye poynte and article, accordynge to the true purporte and meanynge of the same.

AN ACTE of a Subsidie, and one fiftene graunted by the temporaltie.

The.xi. Chapter.

WE THE KINGE AND Quenes Maiesties mooste humble, faythfull, and obediente subiectes, the Lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, callynge to oure remembraunce the great and manyfold charges, whiche theyr graces haue all readye susteined by the reason of thys present warre that their highnes haue had, and yet haue agaynst the frenche kynge and the Scottes, the auncyent enemies of this Realme, and perceiuinge also that the malyce of the same Frenche kynge and Scottes are suche, that they haue and dayly do practise by all dishonorable wayes and meanes, with the ayde and power of all theyr confederaties and alies, to anoye theyr Maiesties, and this theyr Realme, and other the dominions of the same, and by al lykelyhode, yf oportunitie of tyme and place so permitte, doo mynde to

make some inuasion into sundrye partes of this realme, as well vpon the Sea coste as els where, whiche yf it shoulde happen, woulde be no small annoyaunce as well to theyr Maiesties, as to the hole estate of this realme. For the wyse preuention and resistence whereof (least any such shuld happen to be attempted) theyr highnes shalbe enforced, not onely to mayneteyne a conueniente number, and naupe of shyppes vpon the narrowe Seas, but also a great power and number of souldiers, to continue in diuers and sundrye partes of the borders and frountiers of this realme, redye prepared to all purposes, to resist al such malicious attempts or inuasions, and to defende the libertye and honour thereof, whiche cannot be put in order and readines, without greate Summes of monye, to be defraied and employed for the same. And furthermore considering that the same shall not be onely for the suertye of their maiesties personnes (whom we pray to god maye longe raygne ouer vs,) and likewise for the suretye of this Realme, and theyr Maiesties louynge Subiectes of the same, but also maye be a greate terroure, feare, and discourage to the sayde frenche kynge and Scottes, and all theyr confederates, and alies, to attempte anye such inuasion or other enterpryse. Haue graunted vnto our said Soueraigne lady, her heyres and Successours, one Subsedye, and one. xv. and tenth, to be tared, rated, and leuied of our goodes, cattels, landes, and tenementes in maner and fourme as hereafter in this present acte is limitted and conteined. And albeit that we doubte not but that our said most gratious Soueraigne lorde and lady assure them selues, that we their gratious mooste louinge subiectes, knowe the same to be farre vnder the charges whiche theyr maiesties are lyke to susteyne in this behalfe. Yet neuertheless we moste humblye beseche theyr highnes to accepte this oure gifte, as a declaration of our true and most faythfull hartes, who be, and by gods assistence al wayes shalbe, by all wayes and meanes, and in all respectes, ready to serue with all conformitie and obedience for the preseruation of theyr mooste royall personnes, and defence and suretie of this theyr maiesties realme and dominions, as to the dutye of good and obedient subiectes appertayneth.

Wherefore we the said lordes and comons. for the great and vrgēt considerations aforesayd, by one hole assent by auctoritie of this present parliament. do geue and graunt to our sayde Soueraygne Lady, the quenes highnes. her heires and successoures, towardes the sayd great costes, and inestimable charges, one hole. xv. and tenth, to be payd. taken & leuied of the moueable goodes, rattels, and other thinges vsuall to such. xv. and tenthe, to be contributorye and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes, & other places of this their maiesties realme, in maner and fourme afore time vsed, except the summe of fyue thousande pounde thereof fullye to be deducted of the Summe that

that one hole.xv. and tenth attayneth vnto, in releif, comforte and discharge of the poore cities, townes, & boroughes of this her sayd realme, wasted, desolate, or distroyed, or ouer greatly empouerished, after such rate as was and hath afore this time bene had and made vnto euerye Shire, and to be deuided in suche maner and forme as heretofore for one hole.xv. and tenth hath ben had and deuided.

And the sayd one hole.xv. and tenth, the exceptions and deductions aforesayde therevpon had, deducted, and allowed, to be payde in maner and fourme folowinge. That is to saye, the hole.xv. and tenth, to be payde to her assignes in the receipte of her highnes eschequer, before the tenth daye of Nouember next comminge.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the knightes elected and returned of, & for the Shires within this realme for this presente Parliamente, Citezens of Cities, and Burgesses of Boroughes and townes, where collectours haue bene vsed to be named and appointed for the collection of any.xv. and tenth, before this tyme graunted, shall name and appointe before the laste daye of Auguste nexte comminge, sufficient and able persons, for the Collection of the sayd.xv. and tenth, in euery of the sayd Shyres, Cities, Boroughes and townes, the sayde personnes then hauynge landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his owne ryghte, of an estate of inheritaunce of the yearelye value of tenne poundes, or in goodes worth one hundreth poundes at the leaste. And also suche person or persons, so by them to be named and appointed for the collection of the sayde.xv. and tenth, shalbe by them seuerally apoynted, and allotted into hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, cities, boroughes, and townes. And also the sayd persones so named and apoynted for the collection of the same.xv. and tenth, shalbe charged and chargeable vpon his or theyr accoumpte or accoumptes in the eschequer, to be made with all suche summe or summes of mony, as the hundredes, rapes, wapentakes, cities, boroughes and townes where he or they shall so happen to be appointed amount vnto, and of no more summe or summes.

And vppon the payment of suche Summes of monye, as he shalbe charged with, shall be discharged and haue his quietus est, the none accoumptinge, or none payment of any other his fellowes, or the insufficiency of them or anye of them, notwythstandynge. And the names and surnames of euerye of the sayde Collectoures, for the sayde xv. and tenth together, with the place allotted to theyr Collection and charge, the said knightes, citizens, & Burgesses for the Shyres, cities, and boroughes wherevnto they be elected, named, and returned, shal certifie before the kynge and quene in theyr chauncery, before the.xiij. daye of October nowe nexte folowinge, accordinge to the tenure of this acte. And yf defaulte of anye suche certifieng be hadde or made, in

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fourme as is abouesayd, then the lorde Chauncellour of Englande for the time beynge, shall immediatelye after, name and appointe Collectoures for the collection of the same .xv. and tenth, in manner & fourme as the sayde knightes of the shyre, citizens of cities, and Burgesses of Bouroughes shoulde haue doone, and as afore tyme haue bene vsed. The whiche sayde collectours and euery of them shall haue like allowaunce vpon theyr accounptes, for theyr fees, wages, and rewardes for the collection of the sayde .xv. and tenthe, in as large manner and fourme as anye collectoure or collectoures of .xv. and tenth, haue had at anye season in time paste. And that the barons of the kynge and quenes Eschequer for the time beinge, shall and may from time to time awarde suche proces for the spedye payment thereof agaynst the collectoure and collectoures of the same, as by theyr discretions shall be thought conuenience.

PROVIDED alwaye and be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this presente parliament, that the sayde Lorde Chauncellour, knightes of the shyres, Citizens of Cities, and Burgesses of Burroughes. Townes, and other places, hauynge auctoritie by this presente acte, to name and nominate the sayde Collectoures, of, or for the sayde .xv. and tenth, shall vpon theyr nomination and election hadde and made, take by auctoritie of this presente parliamente, sufficiente recognisaunce, or by obligation of euerye persone so by them to be named to be bounden to the kynge and Queenes Maiesties in the double Summe of theyr collection, and to be endorced vppon suche condition, that yf the sayde collectoure or collectoures, doo truelye contente and paye to the vse of the kynge and Quene in theyr receypt of theyr Eschequer before the sayde tenth daye of Nouember nowe nexte ensuynge, so muche of the Summe of money, allotted and appointed to his collection, as the same Collectoure shall haue collected and gathered. And do lykewyse after the sayde tenthe daye of the moneth of Nouember, contente and paye to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties vses at the same receypte, the residue of his collection & charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he shal haue gathered and collected the same residue, that then the sayde recognysaunce or obligation to be voyde, or elles to stande in his full strength and vertue, whiche recognisaunce or obligations soo taken, the sayde knyghtes of the Shyre, Citizens and Burgesses, and euerye of theym, takynge anye suche recognisaunces or obligatyons, shall certyfye and deliuer to the Lorde Treasurer and Baronnes of the same Eschequer, before the sayde tenth daye of Nouember nowe nexte ensuynge, vppon payne of forfeyture of ten pounde to the Quene for euerye recognysaunce or obligation soo to be taken and not certified.

And that euerye suche collectoure vpon requeste to him made, shal

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make and knowledge the same recognisaunce or obligation according lye, vpon like payne and forfeiture of tenne pounde to the Queene for his refusall thereof. And that the Treasurer or Barons of the eschekier vpon the payment of the same collection, or at the sayde daye, shal cancell and delyuer the sayde recognisaunce or obligation to the sayde collectour or collectours, without any fee, or rewarde to be payde to anye person for the same.

And furthermore for the greate and weyghtye considerations aforesayde, we the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, do by oure like assente and auctoritie of this Parlyamente, geue and graunte to oure sayde Soueraygne Lady the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres and Successours; one entyer Subsedye, to be rated, tared, leuyed, and payde at one hole and entyre paymente, of euerye personne Spyrytuall and Temporall, of what estate or degree he or they be, accordynge to the tenure of thys acte, in manner and fourme folowynge. That is to saye, as well of euery personne borne within this realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Quenes dominions, as of all and euery Fraternitie, Guild, Corporation, Mysterye, Brotherheade, and Cominaltye, corporated or not corporated, within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the quenes dominions, beynge worth fyue pounde, for euerye pounde, as wel in coyne, and the valewe of euerye pounde that euerye suche personne, Fraternitie, Guylde, Corporation, Mysterye, Brotherheade, and Comynaltye, corporate or not corporate, hath of his or theyr owne, or any other to his or theyr vse, as also plate, stocke of marchaundises, all maner of corne and blades, householde stuffe, and of all other goodes moueable, as well within the Realme as without, and of all such summes of money as to him or them is or shalbe owyng, wherof he or they trust in his or their consciences surely to be payde (excepte and out of the premisses deducted suche summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or theyr consciences truely intendeth to paye, and excepte also the apparell of suche persones, theyr wyues and chyldren belongynge to theyr owne bodies, saueynge Iuelles, golde, syluer, stone and pearle) shall paye to and for the sayde Subsedy, two shillinges eyght pence of euery pounde.

And also of euerye alien borne oute of the Queenes obeysaunce, as well Denizen as other, inhabitinge within the Realme, of euerye pounde that he or they haue in coyne, and the value of euerye pounde in plate, corne, grayne, marchaundise, householdestuffe or other goodes Iuelles, Cattelles, moueable or vnmoueable as is aforesayde, as well within this Realme as without, and of al summes of monye to him or them owyng, whereof he or they trust in his or theyr conscience or consciences to be payde (excepte and of the same premisses deducted euery

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ſuche Summe or ſummes of mony which he or they doo owe, and in his or theyr conſcience or conſciences intendeth truely to pay) ſhal pay of and for euery poumde, to and for the payment of the ſayde Subſedy fyue ſhyllinges. iiij. d. for euery pounde.

And alſo that euery alien and ſtraunger, borne oute of the queenes dominions, beynge denizen or not denizen, not beynge contributorye to anye of the rates abouesayde, ſhall paye to and for the paymente of the ſayde Subſidy, eyght pence for euery poll. and the mayſter, or he or ſhe with whome the ſame alien is or ſhalbe abidinge at the tyme of the taxation or taxations thereof, to be charged with the ſame for lacke of payment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that euery perſon borne vnder the quenes obeyſaunce, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guylde, miſterye, brotherheade, and cominaltie, corporate or not corporate, for euery pounde that euerye of the ſame perſonnes, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guylde, myſtery, brotherhead, and cõminaltie, corporate or not corporate, or anye other to his or their vſe hath in fee ſimple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeares, by execution, wardeſhyppe, or by coppe of courte roll. of and in any honoures, caſtels Manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, ſeruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yearelye profyttes, of the yearelye value of twentye ſhyllynges, as well within auncient demeane, as other places priuyleged, as elles where, and ſo vpwardes, ſhall paye to and for the paymente of the ſayde Subſedy, foure ſhyllynges of euery pounde.

And euerye alien borne oute of the Quenes obeyſaunce, in ſuche caſe, to paye at the ſayd payment eight ſhyllynges of euery pound.

And that all ſummes preſented and chargeable by this acte, either for goodes and debtes, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premiſſes, as is in this acte conteyned, ſhalbe at the ſayde payment ſet and tared after the rate and portion, accordynge to the true meaninge of this acte (landes and tenementes chargeable to the dyſmes of the clergy, and yearlye wages due to ſeruauntes for their yearelye ſeruyce (other then the kinge and Quenes ſeruauntes takynge yearelye wages of fyue poundes or aboue, onely except and forprys ed.) And that all plate, coyne, iuelles, goodes, debtes, and cattelles perſonnalles, beynge in the onelye cuſtodye of anye perſonne and perſonnes, to the vſe of anye corporation, fraternitie, Guilde, miſterye, brotherhead, or anye comminaltie, beynge corporate or not corporate, be and ſhall be rated, ſet, & charged by reaſon of this act, as the value certified by the preſenters of that certificate, to be ſworne of euerye poumde in goodes and debtes as is abouesayde. And of euery pounde in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yearely profittes, as is abouesayde.

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And the sommes that are before rehearsed, sette, and taxed, to be leuyed and taken of them that shall haue suche goodes in custodie, or otherwise charged for landes as is before rehearsed. And the same personne or personnes, and body corporate by thaucthoritie of this acte, shall be discharged agaynste him or them that shall or oughte to haue the same at the tyme of the paymente or delyuerye thereof, or at his otherwyse departure from the custodye or possession of the same, (excepte and alwayes forprised from the charge and asseassement of this subsedye, all goodes, cattels, Juelles, and ornamentes of Churches and Chappels, whiche haue bene ordeined and vsed in Churches or Chappels, for the honoure and seruice of almightie God.) And this payment of the sayd subsedy shall be by aucthoritie aforesayde, taxed, assessed, and rated accordinge to this acte, in euerye Shyre, Rydinge, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne, & euery other place within this realme of Englande and Wales, and other the Quenes dominions, before the laste daye of Apryll next comminge.

And the perticuler Summes of euerye Shyre, Rydinge, Burroughe, Towne, and other places aforesayde, with the perticuler names of suche as are chargeable for and to the paymente of the sayde Subsedye, to be taxed and sette by the Commissioners to the same lymitted, or two of theim at the leaste, with the names of the hyghe collectoures, and in the same fourme shall be certified in the kynge and Queenes Eschequer, before the laste daye of Maye nexte commyng, with the names of the highe Collectoures of the same. And the sayde Summes in manner and fourme aforesayde, to be taxed for the paymente of the sayde Subsidye, shall be payde in the kynge and Quenes Receipte of theyr Eschequer aforesayde, to the vse of oure sayde Soueraigne Ladye, before the. xxiiij. daye of June nexte comminge. And the Summes of and for the sayde Subsidie, shalbe taxed, sette, asked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuyed, and payde to the vse of oure sayde Soueraigne Lady, and her heyres and Successoures in forme abouesayde, as well within the liberties, fraunchises, Saynctuaries, aunciente demeane, and other whatsoeuer place, exempte or not exempte, as withoute (excepte suche Shyres, places, and personnes as shall be forprised in and by this presente acte) anye graunte, charter, prescription, vse, or libertye, by reason of any letters patentes, or other priuiledge, prescription, allowaunce of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vsed, or obteyned notwithstandinge.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritye of this presente parliamente, that euerye suche personne, as well suche as be borne vnder the queenes obeysaunce, as euerye other person Straunger borne, denyzen or not denizen inhabitinge within this realme, or within Wales,

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or other the Quenes dominions, whiche at the tyme of the same assessinge or taxation to be hadde or made, shall be oute of this realme, and oute of Wales, and haue goodes or cattels, landes, or tenements, fees or anuities, or other profittes within this realme, or in Wales, shall be charged and chargeable for the same, by the certificate of the inhabitauntes of the parties where suche goodes, cattels, landes, tenemēts, or other the premisses then shall be, or in suche other place where suche personne or his factoure deputye or attourneye, shall haue his mooste resorte vnto within this realme or in Wales, in lyke manner as yf the sayde personne were or hadde ben at the tyme of the sayde asseassynge within this Realme. And that euerye personne abydynge or dwellynge within this Realme, or withoute this Realme, shall be charged or chargeable to the same Subsedye, graunted by thys Acte, accordinge, and after the rate of suche yearelye substaunce, or valewe of landes and tenementes, goodes, and cattelles, and other the premysses, as euerye personne so to be charged shal be set at the time of the said asseassinge or taxation vppon hym to be made, and in none otherwyse.

AND furthermore be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that for the asseassinge and orderynge of the sayde Subsedye to be duelye hadde, the Lorde Chauncelloure of Englande, or the keper of the greate Seale, the Lorde Treasurer of Englande, the Lorde Stewarde of the kynge and Queenes Honorable Householde, the Lorde president of the kynge and Quenes honorable Counsayle, the lord prinye Seale for the time beynge, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or keper of the great Seale for the time beynge to be one, shall and maye name and appointe, of, and for euery Shyre and Rydyng, and other places aswel within this realme as in Wales, and other the Quenes dominions, and also of and for euerye Citie and Towne, beynge a countye in it selfe, and of, and for the Isle of Wyght, such certeyne nomber of personnes, of euery of the said Shires, Rydinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of Wight, and euery other place, and other the inhabitauntes of the same, to be Commissioners with in the same, whereof they be inhabytauntes, and also of, and for the honorable householde of the Quenes Maiestie, and the Lady Elizabeths grace, in what Shyres or other places, the sayde householdes shall happen then to be. And the Lorde Chauncelloure and other with him before named in lyke maner, maye name and appoynte of euerye other suche Burroughe, and towne corporate, aswell in Englande as in Wales, and other the Quenes dominions as they shall thinke requisite, syxe, fyue, foure, three, or two of the heade officers, and other sadde honeste inhabitauntes of euery of the sayde Cities, Burroughes, and Townes Corporate, accordinge

cordynge to the number and multitude of people beynge in the same. The whiche personnes yf anye such be therevnto named, of the sayde inhabytanntes of the sayde Burroughes, and Townes Corporate, not beynge countyes in them selfes, shalbe ioyned and putte in as commyssyoners, with the personnes named for suche Shyres, and Rydynges, as the sayde Burroughes, and townes corporate, not beynge counties in them selues, be set and haue their being, whych persons so named for & of ẏ said boroughes, & townes corporate, not being counties, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon thē ne none of thē to put any part of their commission in execution for the premysses oute of the sayde Boroughes and Towne Corporate, wherein they beynge so named onelye for the same be dwellynge. And also not to execute the sayde commyssyon within the Burroughe or Towne Corporate, wher they be so dwellynge, but at suche dayes, and tymes, as the sayde other commyssyoners for the same Shyre, and Rydynge shall thereto lymytte and appoynte, within the same Burroughe or towne corporate, not beynge countye corporate, whereof they soo be, and not out of suche Burrough or towne, and in that maner to be aydynge and assystynge with the sayde other commyssyoners, in, and for the good executynge of theffecte of the sayde commyssyon, vpon paine of euerye of the sayde commissioners soo named for euerye suche cytye Burrough, and towne corporate, not being a county, to make such fine as the sayd other comissioners in the commission, of, & for the said shire or rydynge so named, or three of them at the least, shal by theyr dyscretions sette and certyfye into the kynge and queenes Escheker, there to be leuyed to the vse of her Maiestie, in like manner as suche or like Sommes hadde bene sette and rated vpon euerye suche personne for the sayde Subsedye. The whyche commissyoners so named of and for the sayde Cityes, Burroughes, and Townes, not beynge countyes, & onelye putte in the sayde commyssyon by reasonne of theyr dwellynge in the same, shall not haue anye parte of the portion of the fees, and rewardes of the commyssyoners and theyr clerkes, in thys acte afterwardes specyfyed. And the lorde Chauncelloure of Englande, and keper of the kynge and Queenes great Seale for the tyme beynge, shall make and directe oute of the courte of Chauncerye, vnder the kinge & quenes greate Seale, seuerall commissions. That is to saye, to euerye Shire, Rydynge, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, cytye, Towne, Burrough Isle, and householde, vnto such personne and personnes, as by his discretion and other with hym afore named and appointed in lyke maner and fourme as is afore rehearsed, shall be thoughte suffycyente for the seassynge and leuyinge of the same Subsedye, in all shyres and places, accordynge to the true meanynge of thys acte. Whyche Commyssyon for the paymente of the sayde Subsedye, shall be dyrected and delyuered

lyuered to the sayde commissioners, or to one of them before the fyrste daye of Aprill next comminge, and to euerye of the sayde commyssyons tenne Sedules, conteynynge in them the tenoure of thys acte, shall be affixed, by the whyche commissyon the commyssioners in euerye suche commyssyon, named, accordynge to thys acte, and as manye of them as shall be appoynted by the same commyssyon, shall haue full power and auctoritye to putte the effecte of the same commyssyon in execution.

And that by the auctoritie of this acte, after such commission to them directed, they maye by theyr assentes and agrementes, sever themselues for the execution of their commyssyon in hundredes, Rathes wardes, and rapes, Wapentakes, townes, parishes, and other places, within the lymyttes of theyr sayde commyssyon, in suche forme as to them shall seme expediente to be ordered, and betweene them to be commoned and agreed, accordynge to the tenoure and effecte of the commyssyon to them therein directed. Upon which severaunce euery persone of this present parliament that shalbe commissyoner, shalbe assigned in the hundred wherein he dwelleth.

PROVIDED alwaies that no persoune be or shal be compelled to be anye commissioner, to and for the execution of thys presente acte, but onelye in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabyteth. And that euerye persone beynge assigned to the contrary therof, in anye wise shall not be compelled to putte in execution the effecte of thys acte, or anye parte thereof.

AND it is also enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the commissioners and euerye of them whiche shalbe named, ymitted and appoynted accordynge to thys acte to be commissioners in euerye suche Shyre, Ridinge, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Cytye, towne, Burroughe, Isle, and the same householdes, or any other places, and none other shal truelye, effectuallye, and dylygentlye for theyr parte, execute the effecte of thys present acte, according to the tenoure therof in euery behalfe, and noo otherwyse by anye other meanes, wythoute omission, fauoure, dreade, malyce, or anye other thyng to be attempted and done by them or anye of them to the contrary thereof. And ẏ same Commyssyoners and as manye of them as shalbe appointed by ẏ same commission, and none other for the execution of the same Commyssyon and acte, shall for the taxation of the same payment of the sayd Subsidie before the, vi. daye of Aprill nexte commynge, by vertue of the commissions deliuered vnto them in fourme abouesayde, directe their seuerall or ioynte precepte vnto eight, seuen, sixe, fiue, foure, or thre or mo, as for the number of the inhabitauntes shalbe requisite, of the moost substanciall discrete, and honest persons inhabytauntes, to be named by the sayde commissioners, or by as manye of them as shalbe appoyn-

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ted by the sayd commission, of, and in hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, wardes, paryshes, townes, and other places, aswell within lybertyes, Fraunchyses, auncient demeane places exempted, and saintuaryes as withoute, within the limittes of the shires, tydinges, lathes wapentakes, rapes, Cities, Townes, Burroughes, or Isle aforesayd, and other places within the limittes of theyr commyssyon, vnto the constables, subconstables, Baylyffes, and other like officers, or mynysters of euery of the same hundredes, townes, wardes, lathes, wapentakes, paryshes, and other places beforesayd, as to the same Commyssioners and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them by theyr dyscretion in diuisyon shall seme expedient, as by the maner & vse of that parties shalbe requisite. Strayghtlye by the same precepte chargynge and commaundyng the same inhabytauntes, constables, and other offycers aforesayde, to whome suche precepte shalbe soo directed, to appeare in their proper personnes, before the sayde Commyssyoners, or suche number of them as they shall deuide them selfes, accordynge to the tenoure of the sayde commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the sayde commissyoners or any number of them as is aforesayd, within Cities, Burroughes, and townes Corporate, or withoute in anye other place, as is aforesayd, by their dyscretions, shall be lymytted ther vnto, to doo and accomplyshe al that to them on the partye of the king and Queenes maiesties, shalbe enioyned touchynge thys acte. Commaundyng further by the same precepte, that he to whose handes such precept shall come, shall shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabytauntes or offycers named in the sayde precept, and that none of them fayle to accomplyshe the same, vpon payne of fortye shillinges to be forfeyted to the Quenes Maiestye.

AND it is further ordeyned by the auctoritie of thys presente Parlyamente, that euerye of the Commyssyoners then beynge, in the Shire, and hauynge noo sufficiente excuse for hys absence, shall at the daye and place prefyxed, for that parte where vnto he was lymytted to appeare in hys proper personne. And there the same Commyssyoners beynge presente, or asmanye as shalbe appoynted by the kynge and queenes Commyssyon, shall call or cause to be called before them the sayde inhabytauntes, and offycers, to whome they haue directed their sayde preceptes, and whyche hadde in commaundemente there to appeare by the sayde precepte of the sayde commyssyoners, and yf anye person soo warned make defaulte, onles he then be letten by syckenes or lawefull excuse, and that let then be wytnessed by the othes of twoo credible personnes, or yf anye appearynge, refuse to be sworne in forme folowynge, to forfeyte to the kynge and queenes Maiesties, forty shillynges, and soo at euerye tyme appoynted by the sayd commyssioners, for the sayde taxations, vnto such tyme, the number of euery suche per-

shewers, haue appeared and certified in fourme vnder written, and euery of them so makynge default, or refusynge to be sworne, to forfeyt to the kyng and queenes Maiesties, fourty shyllynges. And vpon the same appearaunce had, one of the most substanciall inhabytauntes, or officers of beynge warned and appearynge before the sayd commissyoners, shalbe sworne vpon a boke openlye before the commissioners in fourme folowyng. I shal truely enquyre with my felowes, that shalbe charged with me of the hundrede, wapentake, warde, towne or other place, of the best and most value of the substaunce of euery person dwellynge and abydynge within the limittes of the places, that I and my felowes shalbe charged with, and of other, which shal haue his or their most resorte vnto anye of the sayde places, and chargeable with anye fourme of moneye, by this acte of the sayd subsidye, and of all other articles that I shalbe charged with touchyng the sayd acte, and accordyng to the intente of the same. And thereypon as nere as it maye be, or shall come to my knowledge, truely to presente and certifye before you the names, surnames, and the beste and vttermoste substaunce and values of euerye of them, aswell of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, possessions, and profyttes, as of goodes, cattells, debtes, and other thynges chargeable by the sayde acte, withoute anye conceylmente, loue, fauoure, affection, dread, feare, or malyce, as neare as god wyll geue me grace, so helpe me God and the holye contentes of this boke.

AND euery other person that shall appere there by the same preceptes shal make like othe, and vpon the othe so taken as is aforesayde, by the inhabytauntes and officers of euery hundred, ward, wapetake towne, or other place, the sayd commissioners, shall openly there rede or cause to be red vnto them the sayd rates, and openlye declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme they ought and shuld make their certificate, accordyng to the rates and summes therof abouesayde, and of all maner of personnes, as wel of alyens & straungers, denizens or not denizens inhabytyng within thys realme as of such personnes as be borne vnder the Quenes obeysaunce chargeable to thys acte.

AND of the possessions goodes and cattels, of fraternities, guyldes, corporations, brotherhedes, misteries, and comminaltyes, and other as is abouesayde, and of personnes beynge in the partyes of beyond the Seas, hauynge goodes or cattels, landes, or tenementes, within thys Realme as is aforesayd. And of al goodes beyng in the custody of any personne or personnes, to thuse of anye other as is abouesayde, by the whych information, and shewing the sayde personnes shuld haue such playne knowledge of the true intente of this present Acte, and of the maner of their certyfycate, that the same personnes, shall haue no reso-

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nable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after such othe and the Statute of the sayde Subsidie, and the maner of the sayde certificate to be made in writinge, conteyninge the names and surnames of euery persone, and whyther they be borne withoute the Queenes obeysaunce or within, and the best value of euery persone, in euery degre, as well of yerely value of landes and tenementes, and of such lyke possession and profittes, as the value of goodes and cattelles, debtes, and euery thing to the certificate requisite and necessary to them declared, the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shal by theyr discretions apoint and limitte vnto the sayde persones an other daye and place to appeare before the sayde commissioners, and charginge the sayd persons that they in the meane time shall make diligente enquirie by all wayes and meanes of the premisses, and then and there euerye of them vpon payne of forfeyture of. xl.s. to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, to appeare at the sayde newe prefixed daye, and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde Commissioners in writinge, according to theyr sayd charge and accordinge to the true intente of the sayd graunt of Subsedy, and as to them in maner aforesayde hath bene declared and shewed by the commissioners. At which daye and place so to them prefixed, yf anye of the sayde persons make defaulte, or appeare, and refuse to make the sayd certificate, that then euery of them so offendinge, to forfeyte to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, forty shyllynges, except onelye a reasonable excuse of his defaulte, by reason of sycknes, or otherwyse by the othes of two credible persones, there witnessed be had. And of suche as appeare ready to make certificate, as is aforesayd, the sayd commissioners there beyng shall take and receaue the same certificate, and euerye part therof, and the names and values, and substance of euery person so certified. And if the same commissioners see cause reasonable they shall examen the sayde presenters therof, and therupon the sayde commissioners at the sayd dayes and place, by theyr agremente emonges them selfes, shal from time to time openly there prefixe a daye at a certayne place or places within the limittes of theyr commission by theyr discretion, for theyr further proceding to the sayd assessyng of the sayde Subsidie, and therupon at the sayde day of the sayde certificate as is aforesayde taken, the same commissioners shall make theyr precepte or preceptes to the constables, subconstables, Baylyffes, or other officers of suche hundredes, wapentakes, townes, or other places aforesayde, as the same commissioners shall be of, compryssinge and conteyninge in the same precepte, the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the sayde certificate, of whome yf the sayde commissioners or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the kynge and quenes commission, shall then haue behement suspect to be of more greater value or substaunce in landes, goodes, cattelles, or

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misses or anye of them, accordynge to this Acte. At whiche daye and
place so prefixed, the sayde commissioners then there beynge, or as ma
ny of them as shall be there vnto appoynted by the kynge and Quenes
commission, shall cause to be called the sayde personnes, whose names
shalbe comprysed in the sayde precepte, as is beforesayde, for theyr exa
mination. And if any of those personnes whiche shoulde be warned as
is beforesayde to be examyned, whyche at anye tyme after the war
nynge, and before the prefyxed daye, shalbe within such place wher he
maye haue knowledge of his sayde appearaunce to be made, make de
faulte and appeare not, onles a reasonable cause, or elles a reasonable
excuse by the othes of two credible personnes before the sayde commis
sioners be truely alledged for his discharge, that then euerye of them so
makynge defaulte, to be tared to the kynge and Queenes Maiesties,
with and at the double summes of the rate that he shoulde or oughte
to haue ben sette at for and after the beste value of hys landes, or sub
staunce vpon him certified, yf he had appeared, by the discretion of the
commissioners there beynge. And whiche commissioners shall trauell
with euery of the personnes so then and there appearynge, whose na
mes shall be expressed in the sayde precepte or preceptes, and in whome
anye behement suspecte was or shall be hadde, in fourme afforesayde, by
all suche wayes and meanes they can. And that euerye spirituall per
son at the sayde taxations of the sayde Subsedye, shall be rated and set
accordinge to the rate abouesayde, of, and for euerye pounde that the
same spyrituall person or any other to his vse, hath by discent, bargayne
or purchase, in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeares, by ex
ecution, by warde, or by copy of courte rolle, in any manours, landes,
tenementes, rentes, seruices, offices, fees, corrodies, annuities, or here
ditamentes, after the true, iuste, and yearelye value thereof, after, and
accordinge as other the kynge and Quenes Maiesties subiectes, born
within this realme be charged in fourme aboue remembred. So that
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any person certified or rated by vertue of thys acte, be he commissioner or other to anye maner of value, doth finde hym selfe greued wyth the same presentment, seassynge, or taxinge, and thereupon complayne to the commyssyoners before whome he shalbe rated, seassed, or taxed, or before two of them: That then the said commissioners shal by al waies and meanes examen particularly and distinctlye the personne soo complaynynge, and other his neyghbours by their discretion, of enery his landes and tenementes aboue specified, and of euerye his goodes, cattells, and dettes, aboue mentioned, and after due exampnatyon and perfitte knowledge thereof had and perceaued by the sayd commissioners, whiche shall haue power by the auctoritie aforesayde, the sayde commissyoners or two of them, to whome any suche complaynt shalbe made, by theyr discretions vpon the oth of the sayde personne soo complaynyng, maye abate, defalke, encrease or enlarge the same assessemēt accordynge as it shall appeare vnto them iuste vpon the same exampynation. And the same Summe so abated, defaulked, encreased, or enlarged, to be streated in fourme as hereafter ensueth, so that he come before the estreates of the same assessynge be deliuered by the sayde commissioners, into the kyng and Queenes maiesties escheker. And if it be proued by wytnesse, his owne confessyon, or other lawefull wayes or meanes, within a yeare after any such othe made, that the same person so taxed and swoorne was of any better or greter value in landes, goods or other thynges aboue specifyed at the tyme of hys sayd othe, then the same person so swoorne did declare vpon his sayde oth, that then euerye such person so offending, shall lose and forfeyte to the kyng and quenes maiesties so much in lawefull mony of Englande, as the said person so swoorne was set at or taxed to paye. And al persons set, rated, and taxed as is aforesayd, shalbe bound and charged by the same, and the somme or sommes vpon hym set to be due towardes the payment of the sayde Subsedy and to be leuied as hereafter shalbe specified.

And also it is enacted by the same auctoritie, that euery person, to be taxed at the same taxation as is aforesaid, shalbe rated taxed and set and the somme on him set to be leuied at such place wher he and his famylye at the tyme of the same presentment to be made, shall kepe hys house or dwellyng, or where he then shalbe mooste conuersaunte abydynge and resyaunte, or shal haue hys most resorte, and shalbe best knowen, at the tyme of the sayde certificate to be made, and no where els. And that no commissyoner for thys Subsedy shalbe rated or taxed for his goodes, or landes, but in the Shire and other place where he shall be commissioner. And that yf any person chargeable to thys acte, the tyme of the sayde assessyng, happen to be out of thys realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he shalbe knowen, then he to be sette where he was last abydynge in thys Realme, or within Wales.

and beſt knowen, and after the ſubſtaūce and value, and other profites of euery perſon knowen, by the examination, certificate, and other maner of wyte as is aforeſayde. The ſayde commiſſioners or as manye of them, as ſhalbe appoynted by the kyng and quenes Maieſties commiſſion, ſhall after the rate aforeſayd, ſet and tare euery perſon, accordyng to the rate of the ſubſtaunce and value of his landes, goodes, and other profyttes, whereby the greteſt and moſt beſt ſomme accordyng to his mooſte ſubſtaunce, by reaſonne of thys acte myghte or maye be ſette or tared.

PROVIDED alwaies that euery ſuch perſon, whych ſhalbe ſet or tared for payment of, and to this Subſedy, for and after the yearely value of his landes, tenementes, and other real poſſeſſions or profites, at the ſayde taxations, ſhal not be ſette and tared, for his goodes and cattels, or other moueable ſubſtaunce, at the ſame taxation. And that he that ſhall be charged or tared for the ſame Subſedy, for his goodes, cattels, and other moueables at the ſame taxation, ſhall not be charged tared or chargeable for his landes, or other real poſſeſſions, or profits aboue ſayd, at the ſame taxation; nor that anye perſon be double charged for the ſayde Subſedy, neither ſet or tared at ſeuerall places, by reaſon of thys acte, any thing contayned in this preſente acte notwithſtandyng.

AND that it be ordeyned by the ſame aucthoritie of thys preſent parlyament, that no perſon haūynge two manſions, or two places to reſorte vnto, or calling him ſelfe houſholde ſeruaunte, or waitinge ſeruaunt to the kyng and quenes Maieſties, or other lord or lady, maiſter or maiſtres, be excuſed vpon hys ſaying from the tare of the ſaid Subſedy in nether of the places, where he may be ſet, onleſſe he bring a certificate in writyng from the commiſſioners, wher that he is ſoo ſette in dede at one place. And if any perſon that ought to be ſet by reſon of his remouyng or reſorting to two places, or by reaſon of his ſaying that he ells wher was tared, or by reaſon of any priuilege by his dwellynge or abydynge in any place not beyng forſayd in thys acte, or otherwyſe by hys coūne or craft happen to eſcape from the ſayde tarations, and be not ſet, and that proued by preſentment examination or informatiō before the ſame commyſſioners, or aſmanye of them as ſhalbe by the ſame commiſſion appointed, or by the Barons of the kyng and quenes maieſties eſchequer, or two iuſtyces of the peace of the countye where ſuch perſon dwelleth, then euerye ſuch perſon that by ſuche meanes or otherwyſe wyllingly by coūne ſhall happen to eſcape from the ſayde taxation or payment aforeſayd, and not be rated, tared, or ſette, ſhalbe charged vpon the knowledge and proffe thereof, with and at the double value that he ſhoulde or ought to haue bene ſet at afore, accordynge to hys behauiour, the ſame double value to be tared gathered, and payed of hys goodes and cattells, landes, and tenementes, towardes the

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sayde Subsedy, and further to be punished accordyng to the discretyons of the barons, iustices and commissyoners before whom he shalbe conuycted for hys offence and deceite in that behalfe.

AND further be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that the sayde commyssioners of euery commission shall accordyng to their diuisions and after they be deuided haue full power and aucthoritie by this act, to set tax and sesse euery other commissioner ioyned with them in euery such commission and diuision. And shal also assesse euerye assessoure, within their diuysyon for hys and their goodes, landes, and other the premisses as is abouesayd, by the whych sayde commyssyon the sayde commissioners, shall indifferently set taxe and sesse them selfes and the sayd assessoures, and that aswell the summes vpon euerye of the sayde commyssyoners and assessoures, soo sessed, rated, and taxed as the summes made and presented by the presenters sworne as is aforesayd, shalbe writtenne certifyed and estreated. And the estretes thereof to be made with other the inhabytauntes of the parties, within the lymites of the same commission and diuysyon, so to be gathered and leuied in lyke maner as it ought or should haue bene, yf the sayd commissioner had not bene in the sayde commission. And that all persons of the estate of a Baron or barons, and euery estate aboue shalbe charged wt their frehold and value as is aforesayd, by the chauncellor or keper of the gret Seale, Tresurer of England, lord president of the kynge and quenes maiesties pryuy councell, and lord pryuye Seale, for the tyme beynge, or other persons by the kyng and quenes maiesties auctorytie, to be limitted, and they to be charged for the said seueral paymentes of the sayde Subsedye after the forme of the sayde graunte accordynge to the taxation aforesayde, and the summes vpon them sette with the names of the Collectoures appoynted for the gatheringe and payinge of the same, to be estreated, delyuered, and certyfied at dayes and places aboue specyfyed, by the lorde Chauncelor, tresorer, lord presidēt of the councel, and lord pryuy Seale for the tyme being, or such other persons, as shalbe limitted by the kyng and quenes maiesties, and after the taxes and assesses of the sayd summes vpon and by the sayd assessynge and certificate as is aforesayd made, the sayde commissioners or as many of them as shalbe there vnto appointed by the kynge and quenes maiesties commission, shal with al spede and withoute delaye, by the writinge estreted of the sayd taxe thereof, vnder the Seale and signes manuel of the sayd commissyoners, or of as manye of them as shal be appointed at ẏ lest to be made, shalbe deliuered vnto sufficient & substantiall inhabitauntes constables, subconstables, Baylyffes, and other offycers, ioyntly of hundredes, townes, paryshes and other places aforesayde, within their limittes, or to other sufficiente personnes inhabytauntes of the same onely by the discretion of the same commissioners,

ſtioners, and as the place and parties ſhall requyre, aſwel the perticuler names as ſurnames, as the remembraunce of all ſummes of monye, taxed and ſette of and vpon euery perſon aſwel man as woman chargeable to thys acte, houſeholder and al other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the ſayde pariſhes, townes, and places contributory to this acte of Subſedye. By auctoritie of whiche writynge or eſtrete ſo delyuered, the ſayde offycers and other perſonnes ſo named and deputed ſeuerallye, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of thys acte immediatelye after the delyuerye of the ſayde writynge or eſtreate, to demaunde leuye and gather of euery perſon therein ſpecified, the ſume or ſummes in the ſame writynge or eſtrete compryſed. And for none paymente thereof to diſtrayne the ſame perſonne or perſonnes ſoo beynge behynde by their goodes and cattells. And the diſtreſſes ſoo taken to kepe by the ſpace of eyght dayes at the coſtes and charges of the owner thereof. And yf the ſayde owner do not pay ſuche ſumme of monye as ſhalbe taxed by thys acte within the ſame .viii. dayes, then the ſame diſtreſſe to be appryſed by foure, three, or two of the inhabitauntes where ſuch diſtreſſe is taken, and alſo to be ſolde by the ſayd conſtable and other collectoure for the paymente of the ſayde monye, and the ouerplus comynge of the ſale and keppynge thereof yf any be, to be immediatelye reſtored to the owner of the ſame diſtreſſe which ſayd offycers and other perſonnes, ſoo deputed to aſke, take, gather and leuye the ſayde Summes, ſhall anſwere and be charged for the portion onely to them aſſigned or limitted, to be gathered, leuied and compryſed in the ſayde writynge or eſtrete to them as is before ſayde delyuered, to thuſe of our Soueraygne Lady the Quenes Maieſtie, and her heires and ſucceſſoures. And the ſayd ſumme in that writing or eſtrete compryſed to pay vnto the high collector or collectors of that place for the collection of the ſame in maner and forme vnderwritten, thervnto to be named and deputed, and the ſame inhabitauntes and offycers ſoo gatheryng the ſame perticuler ſummes, for their collection thereof, ſhal retaine for euery twenty ſhillynges, ſo by them receued and payd two pence, and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection by the to be made, by the hygh collector or collectoures.

AND further be it enacted by the ſayde auctoritie, that the ſaid commiſſyoners or the more parte of them as ſhall take vpon them the execution and beſynes of the ſayd commyſſion, ſhal for the ſame paiment of the ſayd ſubſedye, name ſuch ſufficient and able perſons, which then ſhall haue and poſſeſſe landes and other hereditaments, in their owne right of the yearely value of twenty pounds, or goodes to the value of two hundred markes at the leaſte, and the perſonnes ſeuerallye by the diſcretions of the ſame commiſſyoners, in ſhires, ridynges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes corporat, and other whatſoeuer places

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alwel within places priuileged as without, not beinge forprised within this act to be high collectors, & haue the collection and receipt of ỹ said summes set & leuiable within the precinct, limit, and bondes wher thei shalbe so limitted to gather and receiue. So euery of the which collectors so seuerally named, the said cõmissioners or two of them at the lest shal wt al spede and without delay after the sayd whole sũme of the said subsedy, be set by all the limits of the same theyr comission or in suche limits as the high collectors shalbe so seuerally assigned, shal vnder their seales, and signes manuel deliuer one estreat indented in perchemente to euery of the said high collectors, comprising in it the names of al such persons as were assigned to leuy the sayd perticuler summes, and the summes of euery hundred, wapentake, towne, or other place aforesaid, with the names and surnames of the persons so chargeable according to the estrete so first therof made as is aforesaid, and deliuered, and the collectors so to be assigned, shalbe charged to aunswer the hole summe comprised in the said estreat limitted to his collection as is aforesayde.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the sayd comissioners hauinge auctoritie by this acte to name and nominate the sayde high collectors of the sayd subsedy, shal immediatly vpon the nomination and election, take by auctoritie of this presente parliament, sufficient recognisaunces or obligations, without any fee, or reward to be payde therefore of euerye person so by them to be named to be high collectours, to be bound to the kynge and quenes maiesties, in double summe of the summe of his collectiõ, and to be indorsed and made vpon such condition, that is to say, for the collectiõ of ỹ same paiment of the sayd subsedy, that if the sayd collector his heyres or executors do truelye content and pay to the vse of the quenes maiestie, her heyres or executors, in receipt of the said eschequer before the said .xxiiij day of June next cominge, so muche of the sayd summe of mony allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collecte and gather, and contente and paye the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected ỹ same residue, that then the saide recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or elles to stand in full strength and vertue, whiche sayd recognisaunces or obligations so taken, the sayd comissioners shall seuerallye certifye and deliuer into the king and quenes maiesties eschequer, with the seuerall certificates of the sayd taxations and rates of the paymentes of the said subsedy, at and by the tyme to them prescribed and appointed by this act, for the certificate of the taxation of the sayd subsedye, vpon payne of forfeyture of .x. poundes to the kynge and quenes maiesties, for euery recognisaunce or obligation not certified, and that euery such collector so elected named and chosen, vpon request to him made, shall knowlege & make the sayd recognisaũce or obligation, vpõ like pain of forfeiture of .x. poũds to the king & quenes maiestie for ỹ refusal therof.

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And euery such collectour so deputed hauing the said estreate in perchement as is aforesaid, shall haue auctoritie by this act, to appoint dayes and places within the circuit of his collection for the payment of ỹ said subsedy to him to be made, and therof to geue warninge by proclamation or otherwyse to all the sayd constables or other persons or inhabitaunts, hauing the charge of the perticuler collectiō within the hundredes, parishes, townes, or other places by him or them limitted to make payment for theyr sayd perticuler collection of euery summe as to them shal apertreyne, and if at the sayd day and place so limitted and prefixed by the sayd collectour, the said constable, officer, or other persons or inhabitauntes as is beforesayd, for the said perticuler collection appointed & assigned within such hundred, citie, towne, or other place, do not pay vnto the sayde collectours the sūme within theyr seueral hundredes townes, parishes, and other places due & compriſed in the said estreate therof to them deliuered by the said comissioners or some of them as is aforesayd, or so much therof as they haue by any meanes receiued, ij.d. of euery pounde, for the said perticuler collection as is beforesayde, alwayes to be therof allowed, excepted, and abated, that then it shall be lawful to the said high collectours and euerye of them, and to theyr assignes, to distraine euery of the sayde constables, officers, and other inhabitantes, for theyr sayd seueral and perticuler collections of the said summes compriſed in the sayd estreat and writing therof, to them and euery of thē, as is before expressed, deliuered, or for as much of the same summe as so then shal happen to be gathered and leuied, and be behind and vnpaid by the goods and cattels of euery of them so being behind, and the distres so taken, to be kept, apprayſed, and sold as is aforesaid, & therof to take and leuy the summes so then being behind and vnpayd, and the ouerplus coming of the sale of the sayd distres if anye be, to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner in fourme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes that no person inhabitinge in any citie, borough or towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be an assessour or collectour, of or for any part of the sayd subsedy, in any place or places out of the sayd citie, borroughe, or towne corporate where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the said auctoritie enacted, ỹ if any inhabitaunte or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons charged to and for the collection or receypt of any parte or portion of the sayd Subsedy, by any maner of meanes according to this acte, or any person or persons for them selues, or as keper, gardian, deputy, factour, or attourney, of or for anye other person or personnes, of anye goodes and cattelles of the owner therof at the tyme of the sayde assessyng to be made, beyng out of this realme, or in anye other parties not knowen, or of and for the goodes and cattels of anye other person or personnes, of anye corporation, fraternity, misterye, or other whatsoeuer cominaltye, beynge incorporate, or not incorporate, and all personnes hauing in theyr rule, gouernaūce

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and custody any goodes or cattells at the tyme of the sayd assessyng to be made or which for any cause for and by collection or for hym selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernaunce, or custody of any goodes or cattels of any other person or persons, corporation, communalty, or fraternitie, guild or mistery, or any such other like, or as factoure deputie or attourney of or for any person shalbe taxed, rated, valued, & set to any summe or summes by reason of this acte, and after the taxation or assessing vpon any such person or persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same, happen to die or depart from the place where he was so taxed and set, or his goodes or cattels be so eloined, or in such couerte and couerte maner kepte as the said person or persons charged with the same, by estretes or other writynges from the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therunto apoynted by the sayde commission as is aforesayde, cannot ne may leuy the same summe or summes comprised within the same estretes by distres within the limits of their collection as aforesayd, or cannot se such distres or distresses as be taken for any of the same paymentes, before the tyme limitted to the highe collectoure for hys paymente to be made in the kynge and queenes maiesties receipt, then vpon relation thereof made, with due examination by the othe or examination of such person or personnes, as shalbe charged with or for the receypte or collection of the same before the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde commission shalbe therevnto apoynted, where suche person or personnes, or other as is aforesayde, their goodes and cattells were set and taxed and vpon playne certificate thereof made in the kyng and queenes maiesties escheker by the same comissioners, as wel of the dwelling place, names, and summes of the sayd personnes of whom the saide summes cannot be leuied and had as is aforesaid, then aswell the constables & other inhabitaūts appointed for the said particuler collection against the high collectors, as the high collector vpon his accounte and othin the sayd escheker to be discharged thereof, and proces to be made for the kyng and quenes maiesties out of the sayd escheker, by the discretion of the Barons of the said escheker agaynst such person his heires or executours, so being behind with his payment, and ouer that the same commissioners to whom any such declaration of the premisses shalbe made in forme aforesaid, from tyme to time shal haue ful power and auctoritie to direct their precept or preceptes vnto the said person or persons charged with any sūme, of for or vpon any such person or persons, or other as is aforesaid, or to any sherif, steward baliff, or other whatsoeuer officer minister, person or persons of such place or places wher any such perso or persons, so owing such sūme or sūmes shal haue lādes and tenemēts, or other hereditamēts or real possessions, goodes, & cattels wherby anye such person or persons so indetted, his heires executours,

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or assignes or other hauynge the custodye, gouernaunce, or disposition of any goodes cattells, landes, or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, which ought or maye by this acte lawefully be distreined or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goodes, cattells, landes, tenementes, or other possessions whereof suche summe or summes, which by any suche person or personnes maye or oughte to be leuied, be it within the lymyttes of suche commission where such person or personnes was and were taxed, or without, within anye place within thys Realme of England, Wales, or other the queenes Maiesties dominions, marches or territories, by which precept as well such person or personnes, as shalbe charged to leuye such monye, as thofficers of the place or places where such distres maye be taken, shall haue full power and authoritie to distrayne euerye suche person indetted, charged and chargeable by thys acte, or his executours or administratours of hys goodes and cattells, hys gardians, factours, deputies, lesses, fermers, and assygnes, and al other personnes, by whose handes or oute of whose landes any such person should haue rent, fee, annuitie, or other profytte, or whiche at the tyme of the sayde assessinges shall haue goodes or cattels or anye other thynge moueable, or anye such person or persones beyng indetted or owynge suche summe, and the distresses so taken, caused to be kepte, appraysed and solde, in lyke maner and forme as is aforesayd, for the distresse to be taken vpon such person to be taxed to the said subsedy, & being sufficient to distraine within the lymyts of the collectours, inhabytantes, or other officers, charged with or for the same summes so vpon them to be taxed. And if any such distres for none paymente happen to be taken oute of the limit of the sayd persons charged and assigned to leuye the same, the person so charged for the leuye of euery suche summe by dystresse, shall perceaue and take of the sayde dystres for the labour of euerye person goyng for thexecution thereof, for euery mile that anye suche person so laboureth for the same two pence, and euerye fermoure, tenaunt, gardian, factor, or other whatsoeuer person, beyng distreyned or otherwyse charged for paymēt of any such sūme or sūmes or anye other summes by reasonne of thys acte, shalbe of suche summe or summes of him or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquyted at hys nexte daye of payment of the same, or at the delyuery of such goodes and cattells as he that is so distrayned had in hys custody and gouernaunce agaynst him or them that shalbe soo taxed and sette, anye graunt or writyng obligatory or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrarye made heretofore notwithstandyng.

And yf anye such person that shoulde be so distreyned haue no landes or tenementes sufficyente whereby he or hys tenauntes and fermoures maye be distrayned, or hath aloined, altened, or hid his goodes and cattells whereby he shoulde or myght be distrayned, in such maner

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that ſuche goodes and catteles ſhall not be knowen or founde, ſo that the ſumme of or by him to be payde in the ſayde fourme, ſhall ne can be conueniently leuied, then vpon relation thereof vnto the commiſſioners, or to as manye of them as by the ſayd commiſſion ſhalbe therunto appoynted, where ſuche perſon or perſons was taxed and ſet, by the othes of him or them that ſhalbe charged with the leuy and payment of that ſumme or ſummes, the ſame commiſſioners ſhall make a precept in ſuche maner as is aforeſayd, for to attache, take, & arreſt the body of ſuche perſon or perſons that oughte to paye the ſayde ſummes, and by this acte ſhall be charged with and for the ſayde ſumme and ſummes, and theim ſo taken, ſafelye to kepe in priſon within the ſhyre or other place, where anye ſuche perſon or perſons ſhall be taken and attached, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprice, vntyll he haue payde the ſame ſumme or ſummes that ſuche perſons for him ſelfe or for anye other by this acte ſhall be charged or oughte to be charged withal, and alſo for the fees of euery ſuche arreſte to him or them that ſhall execute ſuche precepte twenty pence, and that euery officer vnto whome ſuche precepte ſhalbe directed, do his true diligence, and execute the ſame vpon euery perſon ſo beynge indetted, vpon payne to forfeyt to the king and Quenes maieſties, for euery default in that behalfe .xx. ſhyllinges and that no keper of any gayle, from his gayle ſuffer anye ſuche perſon to go at large by lettinge to bayle, or otherwyſe to departe oute of his priſon before he haue payd his ſayde det, and the ſayde .xx. pence, for the ſayd arreſte, vpon payne to forfeyt to the kinge and quenes maieſties, forty ſhyllynges, and the ſame gayler to paye vnto the kynge and quenes maieſties, the double value as well of the rate whiche the ſayd perſonne ſo impriſoned was taxed at, as of the ſayde .xx. pence for the fees, and like proceſſe and remedye in like fourme ſhall be graunted by the ſayde commiſſioners, or as many of them as by the ſayd comiſſion ſhalbe therevnto apoynted at like information of euery perſon or perſons, beynge charged with any ſumme of money for any other perſon or perſons, by reaſon of the ſayde Subſedye, and not thereof payde, but wilfully withdrawen, ne the ſame leuiable within the limites where ſuch perſons were thervnto taxed, and if the ſumme or ſummes beynge behynde vnpayde by any perſon or perſonnes, as is aforeſayde, be leuied and gathered by force of the ſayde proces to be made by the ſayde commiſſioners, or if in defaulte or for lacke of payment thereof, the perſon or perſonnes ſo owinge the ſayde ſumme or ſummes of money, by proces of the ſame commiſſioners to be made as is aforeſayde, be committed to priſon in fourme aboueſayde, that then the ſame commiſſioners whiche ſhall awarde ſuche proces, ſhall make certificate thereof in the ſayde eſchequer, of that ſhalbe done in the premiſſes in the terme nexte folowynge, after ſuche ſumme or ſummes of money ſo beinge behinde

shalbe leuied and gathered, or suche person or personnes for none payemente of the same committed to prison. And if it happen anye of the sayde collectours to be assigned, or any mayer, sheriffe, stewarde, constable, the headborough, householder, baylif, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, to disobey the sayd commissioners or any of them, at the reasonable requeste to theim made by the sayde commissioners, for execution of the said commission, or yf any of the offycers or other persons do refuse that to them shall appertayne and belonge to do, by reason of any precepte to him or them to be directed, or anye reasonable commaundement, instaunce, or requeste touchinge the premisses or other defaulte in any appearaunce or collection to make, or if any person being suspect, or not, to be indifferently taxed as is aforesayde, do refuse to be examined accordinge to the tenoure of this acte, before the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therunto assigned as is aforesayde, or wyll not appeare before the same commissioners, upon warninge to him made, or els make resistaunce or reskues upon any distres upon him to be taken, for any percell of the sayde Subsidie, or committe any misbehauour in any maner of wyse contrary to this acte, or committe any wylful omission or other whatsoeuer wylfull, not doynge or misdoinge contrary to the tenout of this acte or graunt, the same commissioners and euerye nomber of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the leaste, upon probable knowlege of any suche misdemenours had by informacion or examination, shall and maye set upon euery suche offender for euery such offence in name of a fyne by the same offender to be forfeyted. xl.s. or under, by the discretion of the same commyssioners. And further the same commissioners and euery number of them, or two of them at the leaste, shall haue auctoritie by this present acte, to punishe euery such offender by imprisonment, there to remaine and be delyuered by theyr discretion, as shal seme to them conuenient, the sayde fynes if anye suche be, to be certified by the sayd commissioners that so assessed the same into the kynge and quenes maiesties eschequer, there to be leuied and payd by the collectoures of that partes for the sayde Subsidie retourned into the sayde eschequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the sayd subsedy, in suche maner, as if the sayde fynes had ben set and taxed uppon the sayd offenders for the sayd Subsidye.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this parliament, that euery of the sayd highe collectours, whiche shal accoumpt for any part of the sayde Subsedye in the sayde Eschequer upon theyr sayde seuerall accoumptes to be yelded, shalbe allowed at euery of the sayde paymentes of the sayd Subsedye, for euery pounde limitted to his collection, whereof any suche collectour shalbe charged and yelde accoumpte sixe pence, as percell of theyr charge, that is to saye, of euerye pounde

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therof for ſuch perſons as then haue had the perticuler collection in the townes and other places as is aforeſaid, ſpecified in his collection two pence, and other two pence of euery pounde thereof, euery of the ſayde cheife collectours theyr accoumptauntes to reteyne to theyr owne vſe for theyr labour and charge, in and about the premiſſes, and two pence of euery pound reſidue to be deliuered, alloued, and payde by the ſayd collectoures ſo beynge thereof alloued, to ſuche of the commiſſioners as ſhall take vpon them the buſines and labour, for and aboute the premiſſes, that is to ſaye, euerye collectoure to paye that comiſſioner or commiſſioners whiche had the orderynge of the wrytinges, of, and for the ſayd Subſedy, where the ſayd collectour or collectours had their collection, for expences of the ſayde commiſſioner ſo taken vpon them the ſayd buſines and laboure of theyr clerkes, writinge the ſayd preceptes and eſtreates for the ſayd collections, the ſame laſt two pence of euerye pound to be deuided amongeſt the ſayde commiſſioners, hauynge regarde to theyr labour and buſynes, taken by them or theyr ſayd clerkes in and about the premiſſes, for the whiche part ſo to the commiſſioners atteyninge, the ſayd commiſſioners, fyue, foure, three, or as manye of them as ſhall be therunto appointed by the kynge and Quenes maieſties commiſſion, and euery of them ioyntly and ſeuerally for his and theyr ſayd part, may haue his remedy agaynſt the ſayde collectoure or collectours, which therof ben and might haue ben alloued by action of debte, in the whiche the defendaunte ſhall not wage his lawe, neither protection, neither iniunction, or other eſſoigne ſhall be alloued. And that no perſon nowe beyng of the number of the companye of this preſent parliament, nor any commiſſioner, ſhalbe named or aſſigned to be any collectour or ſubcollectour, or preſentour of the ſayde ſubſedie, or of any parte therof, nor no comiſſioners ſhall be compelled to make anye preſentment or certificate, other then in the kinge and quenes maieſties ſaid eſcheker, of, for, or concerning the ſayd ſubſedy or any part therof, and likewiſe that none other perſon that ſhall be named or aſſigned to be comiſſioners in any place, to and for the execution of this act of ſubſedy, be or ſhalbe aſſigned or named head collectours of any of the paymentes of the ſayd ſubſedy, neither of any parte thereof. And that euery ſuch perſon or perſons which ſhalbe named and apointed as is afore ſaid to be hed collectors of ꝯ ſaid ſubſedy, or for any part therof, & euery of thē be & ſhalbe acquited & diſcharged of al maner fees rewards, & of euery other charges in the kinge and Quenes Maieſties Eſchequer, or els where, of them or any of them by reaſon of that collection, paymēts or accoumptes, or anye thynge concerninge the ſame, to be aſked, and that yf anye perſonne receaue and take anye fees, rewardes, or pleaſures of anye ſuche accoumptante, that then he ſhall forfeit to the kyng and Quenes maieſtie, for euery peny or value of penye ſo taken, twen-

tye pence, and ſuffer impriſonment at the king and quenes Maieſties pleaſure, and after the taxinge and ſealynge of the ſayde Subſedye, as is aforeſayde, had and made, and the ſayd eſtreates thereof in parchement vnto the collectours in maner and fourme before rehearſed deliuered, the ſayde commiſſioners whiche ſhall take vpon them the execution of this acte, within the limittes of theyr commiſſion, by theyr agrementes, ſhall haue metynge together, at whiche metynge euerye of the ſayde commiſſioners whiche then ſhall haue taken vpon them the execution of anye parte of the ſayde commiſſion, ſhall by him ſelfe, or by his ſufficient deputye, truelye certifie and bringe forth vnto the ſayde commiſſioners named in the ſayde commiſſion, the certificate and preſentmente made before hym, and ſuche other Commiſſioners as were limitted with him in one limit, ſo that the ſame certificate maye be accompted and caſt with the other certificates of the other limittes within the ſame commiſſion, and then the ſayde commiſſioners and euerye number of them vnto two at the leaſte, as is aforeſayde, yf anye be in lyfe, or theyr executours or adminiſtratours of theyr goodes, yf they be then dede, ſhall ioyntlye and ſeuerallye, as they were deuided within theyr limits, vnder their ſeales by theyr diſcretion, make one or ſeueral writynges, indented, conteyninge in it as well the names of the ſayde collectours by the commiſſioners, for ſuch collection and accoumpte in the eſchequer, and paymente in the ſayde receypte, deputed and aſſygned, as the groſſe and ſeuerall Summes written vnto euerye ſuche collectoure to receaue the ſayde Subſidye. And alſo all fynes, amerciamentes, and other forfeytures, if any ſuche by reaſon of this acte happen to be within the precincte and limitte of theyr commiſſion, to be certified vnto the kynge and quenes maieſties ſayde eſchequer, by the ſayde commiſſioners, in whiche writinge or writinges indented ſo to be certified, ſhalbe playnely declared and expreſſed, the hole and entyre Summe or Summes of the ſayde Subſedye, ſeueralye lymitted to the collection of the ſayde collectoure, ſeueralye deputed and aſſygned to the collection of the ſaide Summes, ſo that none of the ſayde collectours ſo certified in the ſayde Eſchequer, ſhall be compelled there to accompte, or to be charged but onely to and for the ſumme limytted to his collection, and not to or for anye ſumme limitted to the collection of his felowe, but that euery of them ſhall be ſeueralye charged for theyr parte limitted to theyr collection.

And if the ſayd commiſſioners ioyned in one commiſſion amongeſt them ſelfes in that matter cannot agre, or yf anye of them be not redye or refuſe to make certificate with other of the ſame Commiſſioners, That then the ſame commiſſioners maye make ſeuerall indentures in fourme aforeſayde, of theyr ſeuerall limittes, or ſeperations of Collectours, within the limittes of theyr commiſſion, vppon and in the hundredes

dredes, wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or such other like diuis-
ions within theyr sayde seuerall tymyttes of their commyssyon, as the
places there shall requyre, to be seuered and deuyded, & as to the same
commyssioners shall seme good to make diuisions of their limits or Col-
lectyons for the seuerall charges of the same Collectoures. So that al-
waye one Collectoure shalbe charged and accompte for hys parte to
hym to be limitted onely by hym selfe and not for anye Summe lymyt-
ted to the parte of any of hys felowes, and the charges of euerye of the
collectoures to be set and certifyed seuerally vpon them, and euery such
Collectoure, vpon hys accompte and payemente of the Somme of mo-
nye lymitted within hys collection to be seuerallye by hym selfe, acquy-
ted and discharged out the sayde exchequer, without payinge anye ma-
ner fees, or rewardes, to anye personne or personnes for the same, vp-
on the payne and penaltye laid aboue sayd, and not be charged for anye
portion of any other collectoure. And yf anye Commyssyoner after he
hath taken certificate of them, that, as is afore sayde, shall before anye
such commissioner be examined, and the Summes tared and sette and
the bokes and wrytynges thereof beynge in hys handes, or yf anye col-
lectoure, or other person charged with any receipte of anye parte of the
said subsidy, or any other person tared, or otherwise by this act charged
with and for anye perell of the sayde Subsidye, or with anye other
Summes, or fynes, amerciamentes, penalty, or other forfeyture, hap-
pen to dye before the Commissioner Collectoure or other whatsoeuer
person or personnes haue executed accomplyshed satisfied, or sufficient
lye discharged, that whych to euery such personne shall appertayne or
belonge to doo accordynge to thys acte, then thexecutours and heires
of euery such person, and al other seased of anye landes, or tenementes,
that anye such person beyng charged by thys act and deceassing before
he be discharged thereof, or anye other to hys vse, onelye had of estate
of inheritaunce, at the tyme that anye suche personne was named com-
missioner, collectoure, or otherwise charged with and for anye maner
of thinge to be done, satisfyed, or payde by reasonne of thys acte, and all
those that haue in theyr possessions or handes, anye goodes, or cattells
that were to anye suche personne at the tyme of hys death, or any lan-
des, or tenementes, that were the same personnes at the tyme he was
as is afore sayd, charged by this act, shalbe by the same, compelled, and
charged to do and accomplyshe in euery case as the same person soo be-
ynge charged should haue done and myght haue bene compelled to do
yf he had bene in playne lyfe, after such rate of the landes, and goodes
of the sayde commissioner or collectoure as the partye shal haue in hys
handes. And yf the sayde Commyssyoners for causes reasonable them
mouynge shall thynke it not conuenyent to ioyne in one certyficate as
is before sayde, then the sayde personne or personnes that shal first ioine

together, or he that shal fyrste certifye the sayde writynge indentyd (as is aforesayde) shall certyfye all the names of the commissioners of that commission, wherupon such writinges shalbe there then to be certyfyed, with the division of the hundreds, wapentakes, wardes, tithings or other places, to and amouge such commyssyoners of the same commission where suche seperations and diuysyon shalbe, with the grosse Sommes of monye aswell of and for the sayde Subsedye, taxed or set of or within the sayde hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, or other places, to hym or them deuyded or assygned, that shall soo certyfy the said fyrste writynge, as of fynes, amerciamentes, penaltyes, or other forfeytures, (yf anye happen to be) within the same lymyttes, wherof the same writynges shalbe certified, and after suche writynges indented whyche as is aforesayde, shalbe certyfyed & not conteyne in it the hole and full Summes set and taxed within the lymyttes of the same commyssyon, thother commissioners of the same before the day of paiment of the sayde Subsedye, shall certifye into the sayde exchequer, by theyr writynge or writinge, indented to be made as is aforesayd, the grosse and seuerall Summes set and taxed within the places, to them lymitted, for the sayde Subsedye, and other fynes, amercyamentes, penaltyes, and forfeytures, with the names of the hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places, to them assigned, or ells by theyr sayd writinges indented to certyfye at the sayd place before the sayd day of paimente, suche reasonable causes, for their excuses, whye they maye not make suche certificate of and for the sayde Subsedye, whyche fynes amercyamentes, and other forfeytures growinge or sette by reason of the causes of their lettes or of their none certyfying as is abouesayd, or ells in defaulte thereof proces to be made oute of the kyng and quenes maiesties sayde Escheker, agaynste the sayd commyssyoners, and euerye of them not making certificate, as is aforesayde, by the dyscresyon of the Tresurer or Barons of the sayde eschequer.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by thauethoritye aforesayd, that the inhabytauntes of the Paryshe of Saynte Martynne called Stamforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the burroughe and towne of Stampforde, in the Southe parte of the water there called Welland, whych hereafter shalbe contributorye to the paymente of thys present Subsedye, graunted to the quenes maiestic, her heires and successors, shalbe assessed, rated, and taxed for thys tyme by such commyssyoners, whych shalbe appoynted for the taxynge, ratyng, and sessynge of such Subsedye or taxe within the countye of Lyncolne, and shal be for this tyme contrybutorye, and paye the sayde Subsedye, to the collectoure or collectoures, whyche shalbe assygned and appoynted for the leuying and gatherynge of the same, with the aldermen and burges of the said boroughe and towne of Stampford.

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Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by the auctho̅ritie aforesaid that all and euery person and persones, beyng̃e manoures, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, that ar liable to the payment of the Subsidye, graunted to the Quenes Maiestie, by this acte, and also beyng̃e spirituall possessions chargeable to her sayde Maiestie, by the graunte made by the clergy of this Realme, and this their communication, and ouer this beyng̃e substaunce in goodes, and catteis, chargeable by this sayd acte, that then if any of the sayd person̄s or persons be hereafter charged assessed and taxed for the sayde manoures, landes, and tenementes, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged & taxed for his or their goodes, or catteis, that then he or they shalbe onlye charged by vertue of this acte, for his and their sayde manoures, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, or spirituall possessions, or onely for his sayde goodes, and catteis, the beste thereof to be taken for the quenes Maiestie and not to be charged for both, or double charged for anye of them, anye thyng in this acte conteined to the contrarye in anye wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouyded alwayes that this graunt of Subsidy, nor anye thynge therein conteyned, in any wise extende to charge the inhabitauntes, or dwellers within Ireland, Jerneseye, and Garneseye, or anye of them, of or concernynge any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions goodes, catteis, or other moueable substaunce, whyche the sayd inhabytauntes or dwellers or any other to their vse haue within Ireland, Jerneseye, and Garneseye, or in anye of them, or for or concernynge anye fees, or wages, whych anye of the sayde inhabytauntes, or dwellers haue of the kynge and quenes Maiesties, for there attendaunce, and doynge seruyce to oure sayd souerayne Lord and Ladye, in Irelande, Jerneseye and Garneseye, or in anye of them, anye thynge in this presente acte, to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.

Prouyded also that this present acte of Subsidy, ne anye thynge therein conteyned, extende to anye of the Englyshe inhabytauntes, or resauntes in any of the countyes of Northumberlande, Cumberland Westmerlande, the towne of Barwyche the towne of Newecastell vpon Tyne, and the Byshopryche of Durham, nor to anye of them, of for or concerninge any manoures, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, catteis, or other moueable substaunce, whyche the same Inhabytauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse haue within the sayde counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, or the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newecastell vpon Tyne, or the Byshopryche of Durham, or anye of them, or of for and concerning any fees, or wages, whiche anye of the sayde Inhabytauntes, or dwellers haue of the kynge and Queenes Maiestyes, for their attendaunce and doynge seruyce to the kynge and Quenes maiestyes, for or

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within the sayde counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Burwycke, the Towne of Newecastell vpon tyne, and the Byshopprycke of Durham, or anye of them, to or for the sayde taxynge, leuying, gatherynge or paymente, but that the English inhabytaunties, and resiauntes, and euerye of them, of the said cousties Byshopricke, and townes, and euerye of them, shalbe of and from the sayde Subsedye, and euerye percell thereof, and for their inanoutes, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattells, lyinge and beynge in the sayde counties, townes, and Byshopryckе, or anye of them vtterlye acquited and discharged. Any thing in thys presente acte before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED also that all letters patentes, graunted by the king or quenes maiestie or anye of her most noble progenitoures, to anye Cyties, Burroughes, or townes, within thys realme, of anye maner lybertyes, pryuileges or exemptions from the burden and charge of any such graunt of Subsedyes, whych be at thys present time in force and vayleable, shal remayne good and effectuall, to the sayde Cytyes, Burroughes, and townes, hereafter, accordynge to the purportes thereof, thoughe the inhabytauntes of the same, shall vpon the gret and weightye consyderation of the graunt aforesayd, be for thys graunt charged and contributory, in like maner, fourme and sorte as other Cityes, burroughes, and townes whych be not in anye wyse pryuileged, be from such graunt of Subsedy excepted.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no Orphant or Infant within the age of .xxi. yeare, borne within anye of the quenes maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to anye paymente of thys Subsedye, for hys or her goodes and cattelles, to him or her lefte or bequethed. Anye thyng in thys acte conteined to the contrarye notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED also that thys acte nor any thing therein conteined, shal extende to the goodes, or landes of anye college, Hall, or Ostell, within the vniuersities of Oxenforde, and Cambrydge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the colledge of Wynton founded by Byshope Wyckeham, or to the goodes or landes of the college of Eton, nexte Wyndesore, or to the goodes, or Landes, of anye free gramer scoole, within the realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goodes of anye reder, Scolemayster, or scoller, within the sayde vniuersities and colledges, or anye of them, there remaynynge for studye, withoute fraude or couyne, or to the goodes and landes of any Hospytall, measondewe or Spitelhouse prepared and vsed for the sustentation and releyfe of pore people. Anye thyng in thys acte conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouyded also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that

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forasmuche as diuers and sundrye the kynges and Quenes Maiesties tenauntes and other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the counties of Penbroke, Catmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Mongomery, Denbigh, Flynt, Merioneth, Angleley, Carnaruan, and of the countye palantine of Chester, be at this presente tyme charged and chargeable with the seuerall paymentes of diuers great summes of monye by the name of Myle, due to their maiestyes, accordinge to the seuerall customes of the sayde counties, for the payment whereof diuers and sundrye the gentlemen and other the inhabitauntes, be, and stand bounden to theyr highnes. And that also ther do remayne yet vnpayde in diuerse of the sayde dominions and countie palantyne, the Subsedye graunted to the kynge and Quenes maiesties.

Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that this acte of Subsedye, or any thynge therein conteyned, shall not extende to charge any of the kynge and Quenes tenauntes and other inhabitauntes and dwellers within any of the sayde counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnoure, Mongomery, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleley, Carnaruan, and the countie palantine of Chester, beynge charged or chargeable wyth the sayde Myle, for, or in any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidye, graunted to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties by this acte, vntyll the seuerall dayes and tymes appointed and agreed for the paiment of the sayde Myle, shall be expired. And likewyse the dayes and tymes of the sayde Subsidye latelye graunted to oure sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye be past and expyred. And that then the paiment of the sayd Subsidye graunted by this present acte, shall be made at the receipte of the kynges and queenes Eschequer, before the fyrst daye of Marche nexte folowinge, after the dayes appointed for the latter paymente to be made of the sayde myles, and also of the payment of the sayd former Subsidye.

Furthermore be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that ỹ tenants and dwellers of euerye the sayde counties in this prouiso remembred, shall seuerally before the feast of Penthecost nexte ensuinge, certifye in the sayd court of Eschequer, vnder the seales of two Justices of peace of euerye the sayde counties, whereof one to be of the Quorum, when and what daye the laste payment of the sayde seuerall miles, nowe due in any of the sayde counties shall ende and expyre.

Prouided also, that the sayde graunte of Subsidie, or anye other thinge therein conteyned, doo not in anye wyse extende to be preiudiciall or hurtefull to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at thys presente tyme, within the fyue portes, or to anye of theyr members, incorporats or vnited to the same fyue portes, or to anye of the same fyue portes, of,

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or for any parte or perrell of the sayde Sommes graunted in this parliament of the sayd inhabitauntes nowe resiaunt, or any of them to be taxed, set, asked, leuied or payde, but the sayde inhabitauntes and resiauntes in the sayde fyue portes and theyr members, be and shall be, of, and from the sayde graunte and payemente of the sayde subsedy during their resiaunce there and no lenger, clearlye acquited and discharged, any matter or whatsoeuer thinge in this presente acte had or made to the contrary notwithstandinge.

God saue the kynge and the Quene.

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